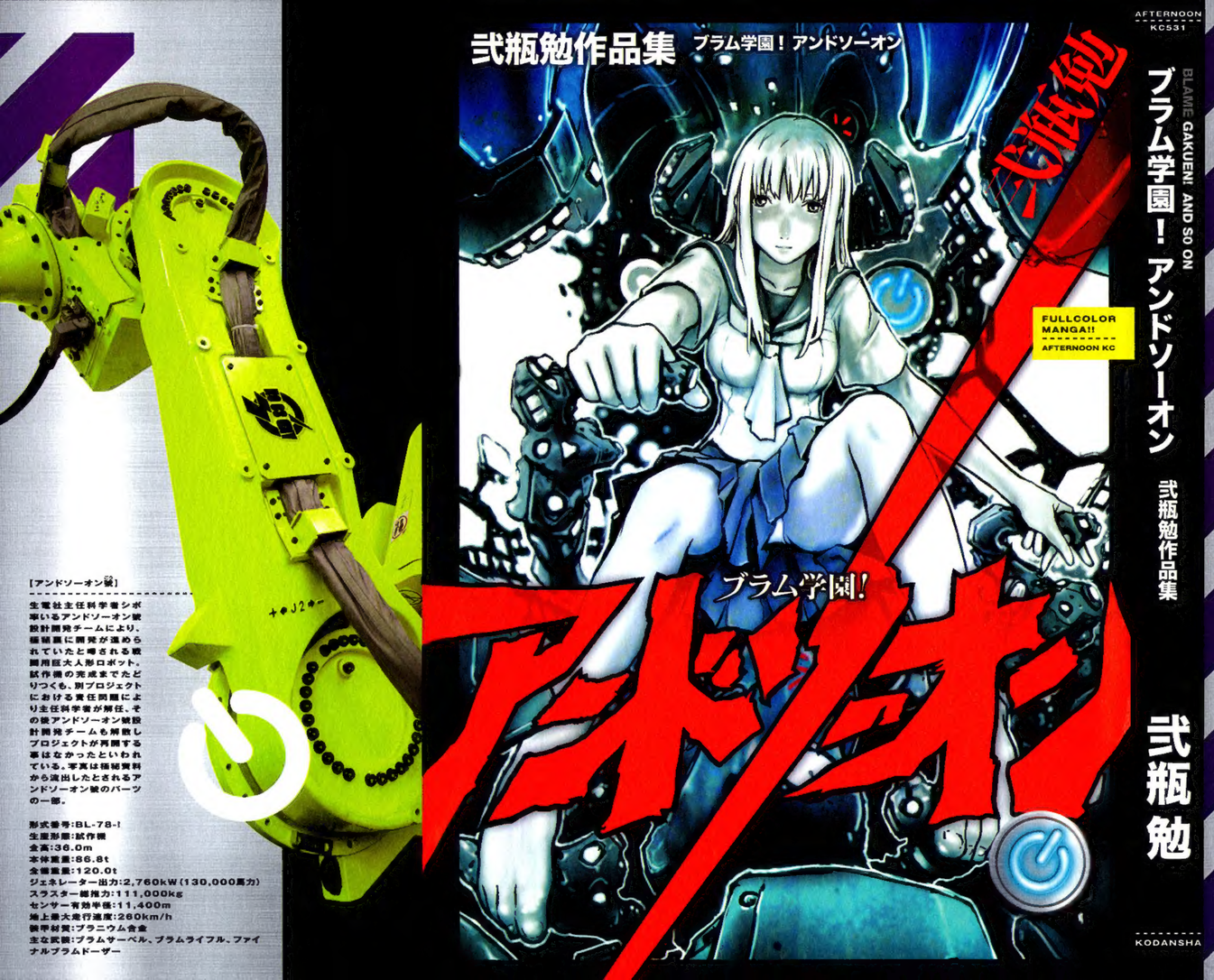

【アンドソーオン號】

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生産形態:試作機
全高:36.0m
本体重量:86.8t
全備重量:120.0t
ジェネレーター出力:2,760kW(130,000馬力)
スラスター総推力:111,000kg
センサー有効半径:11,400m
地上最大走行速度:260km/h
装甲材質:プラニウム合金
主な武器:プラムサーベル、プラムライフル、ファイナルプラムドーザー

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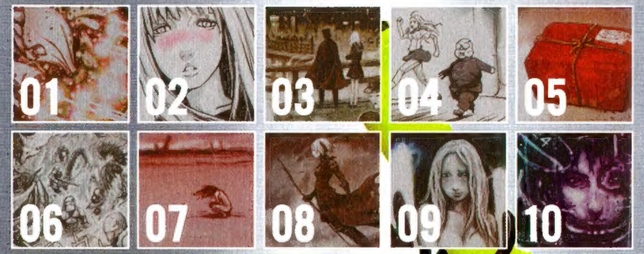

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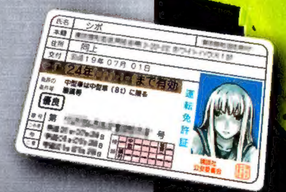
BLAME! 本編では生電社の主任科学者、ネット端末遺伝子合成実験の失敗の責任を問われ、生電社の地下に幽閉されていた。霧亥に助けられ、以後行動を共にする。彼女は人格と身体が完全に分離したサイボークであり、機度となく体を乗り換える。科学者として強い知的好奇心を持つ。 BLAME! 終盤において、彼女はネットスフィアに不正アクセスし、身体に最高位のセーフガード(レベル9)をダウンロードする。 ブラム学園！では、なにかと身体を壊す羽目に。 カバーではセーラー服姿で勇猛にアンドソーオン號を操縦しているが、下の免許証を見てわかるように無免許運転である。



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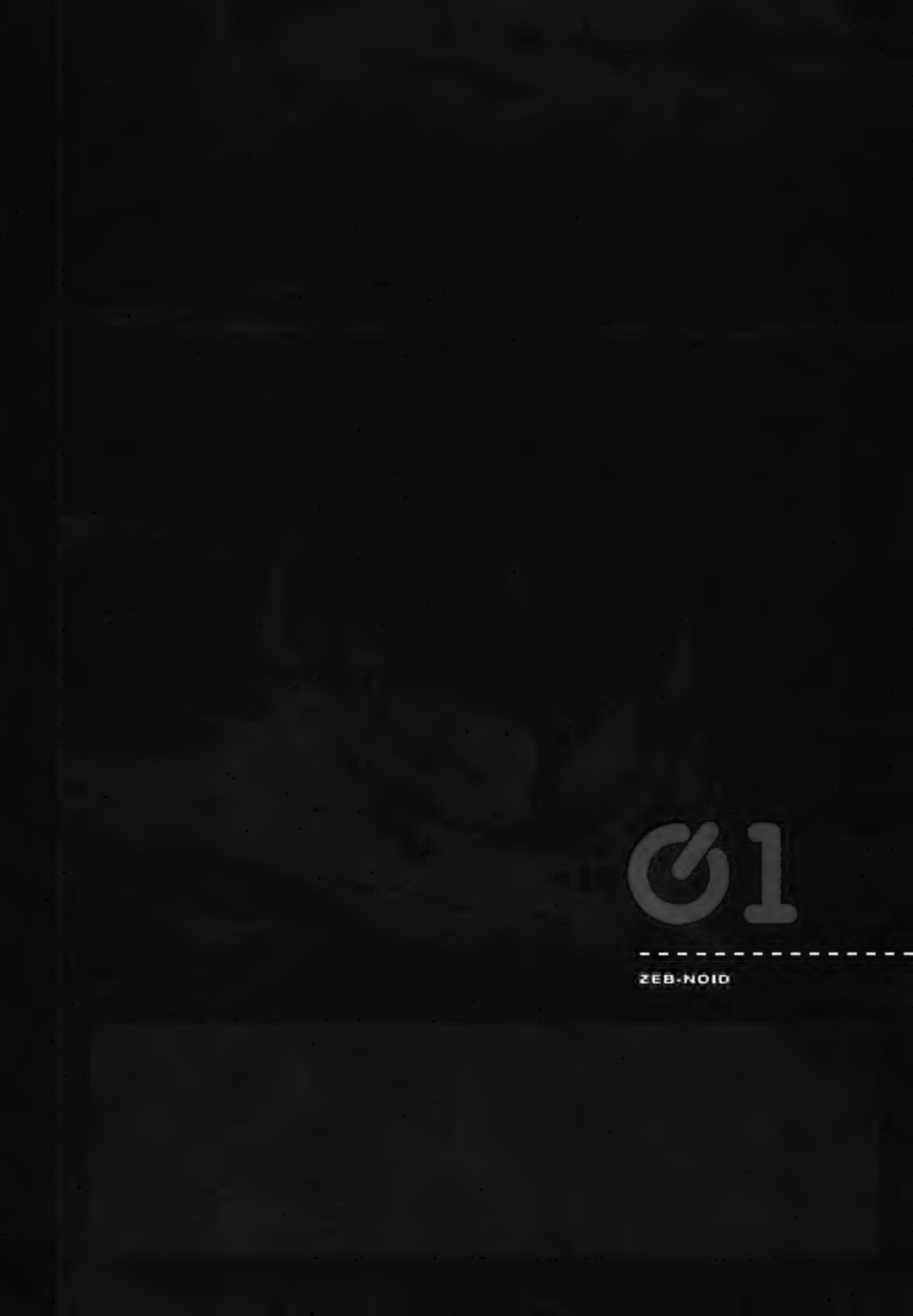
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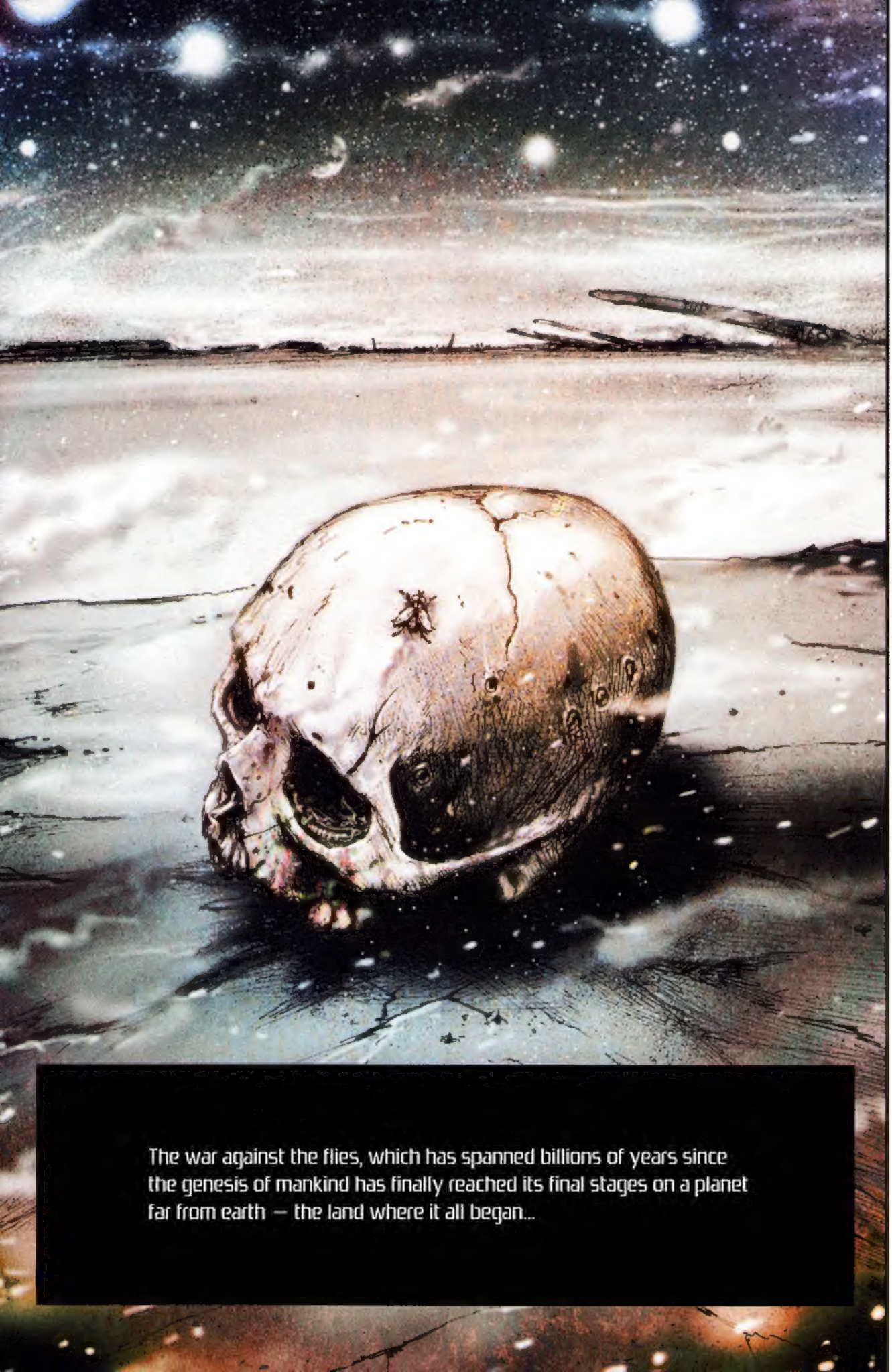
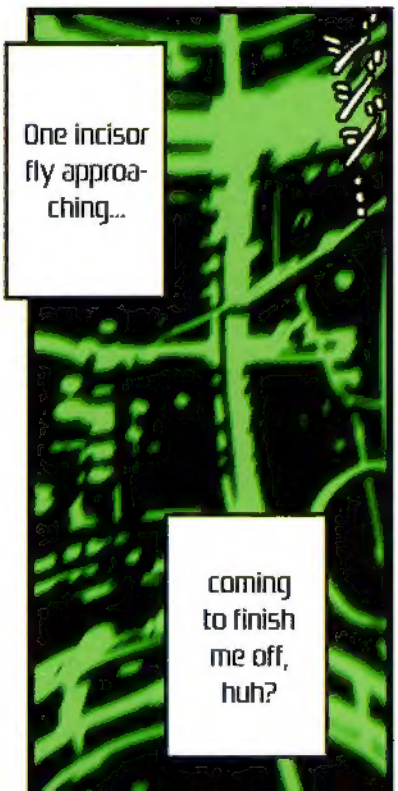


The war against the flies, which has spanned billions of years since the genesis of mankind has finally reached its final stages on a planet far from earth — the land where it all began...

Re-checking system...
All electrically-charged running gear incapable of activation.

Unable to display current cruiser position... does this mean it's been annihilated?

SFX: ZZZT...


One incisor fly approaching...
coming to finish me off, huh?

Re-check... I can't move.

キラッ
SFX(below, top): GROOOOOAAAAARRR
SFX(below, bottom): GRAAAAGGGGGGHH
SFX(above): GLIMMER
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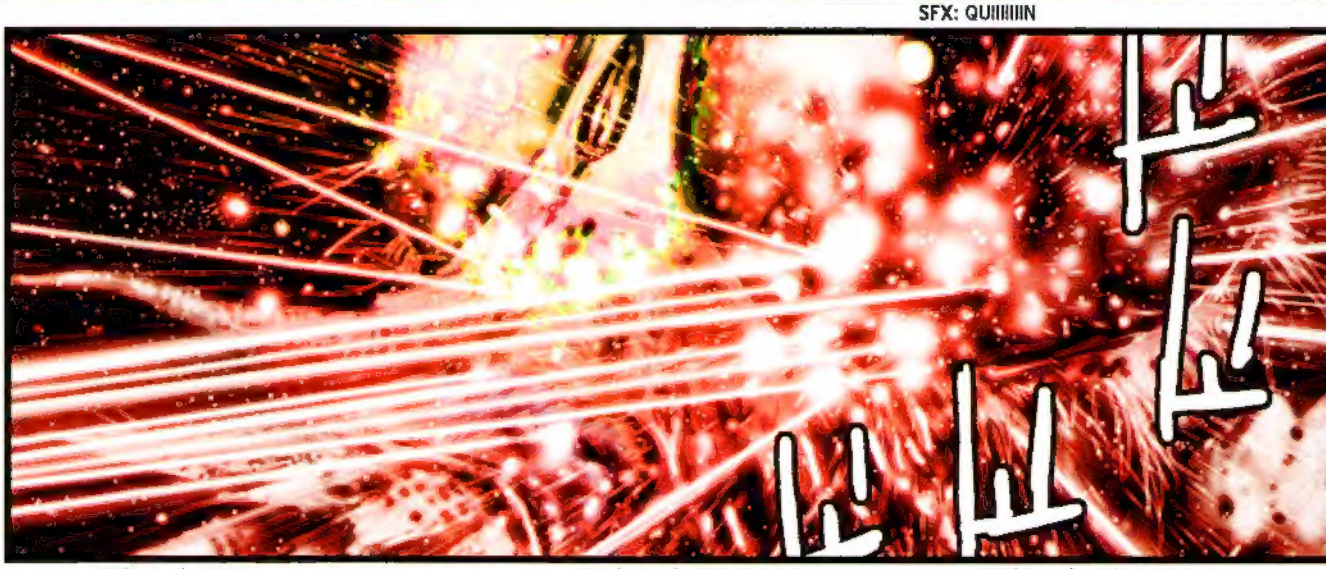
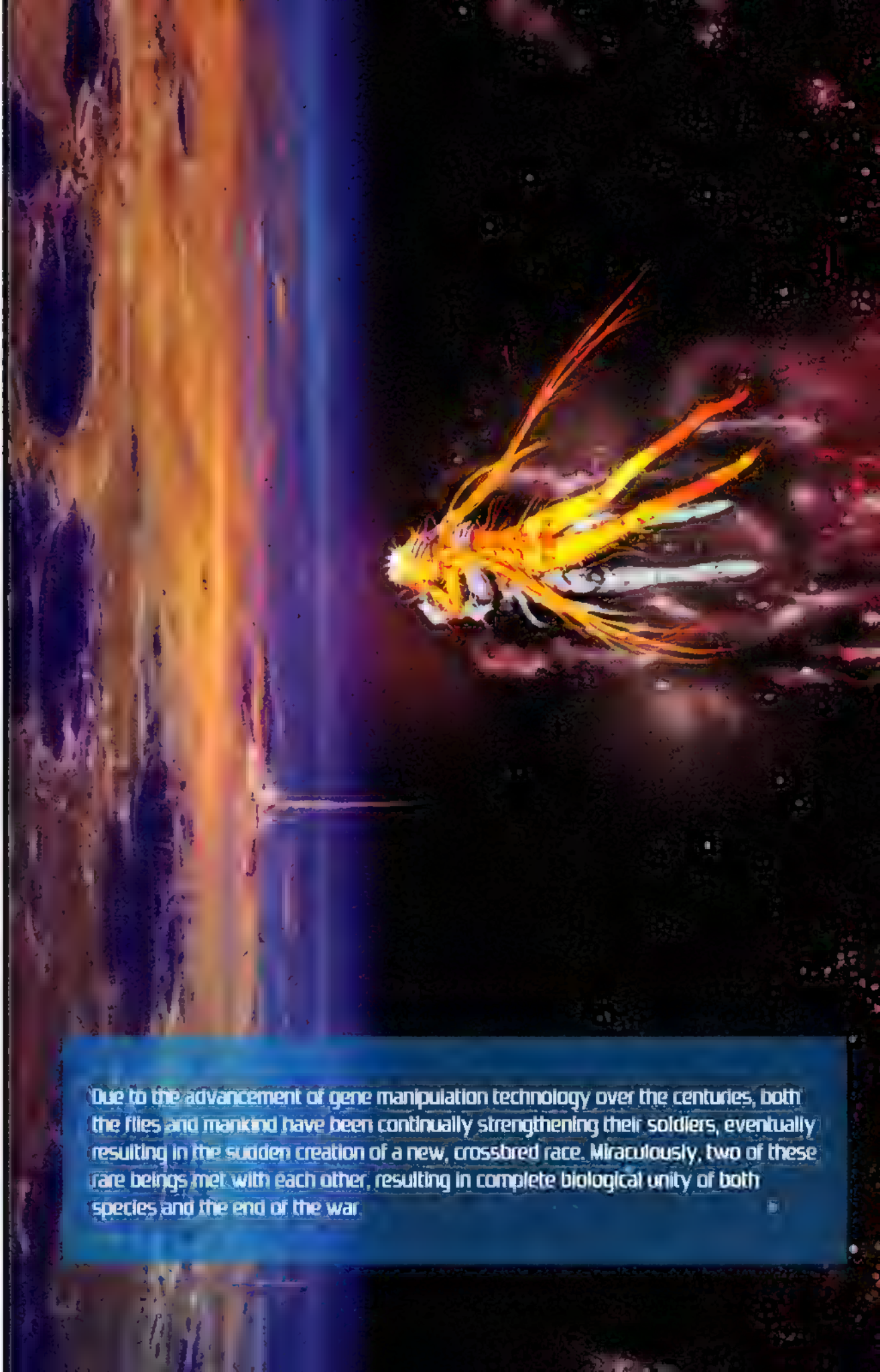
SFX: QUIIIIIIN



SFX(below): GASH SFX(below): BOOOOOOM SFX(above): DODODODO



Due to the advancement of gene manipulation technology over the centuries, both the flies and mankind have been continually strengthening their soldiers, eventually resulting in the sudden creation of a new, crossbred race. Miraculously, two of these rare beings met with each other, resulting in complete biological unity of both species and the end of the war.

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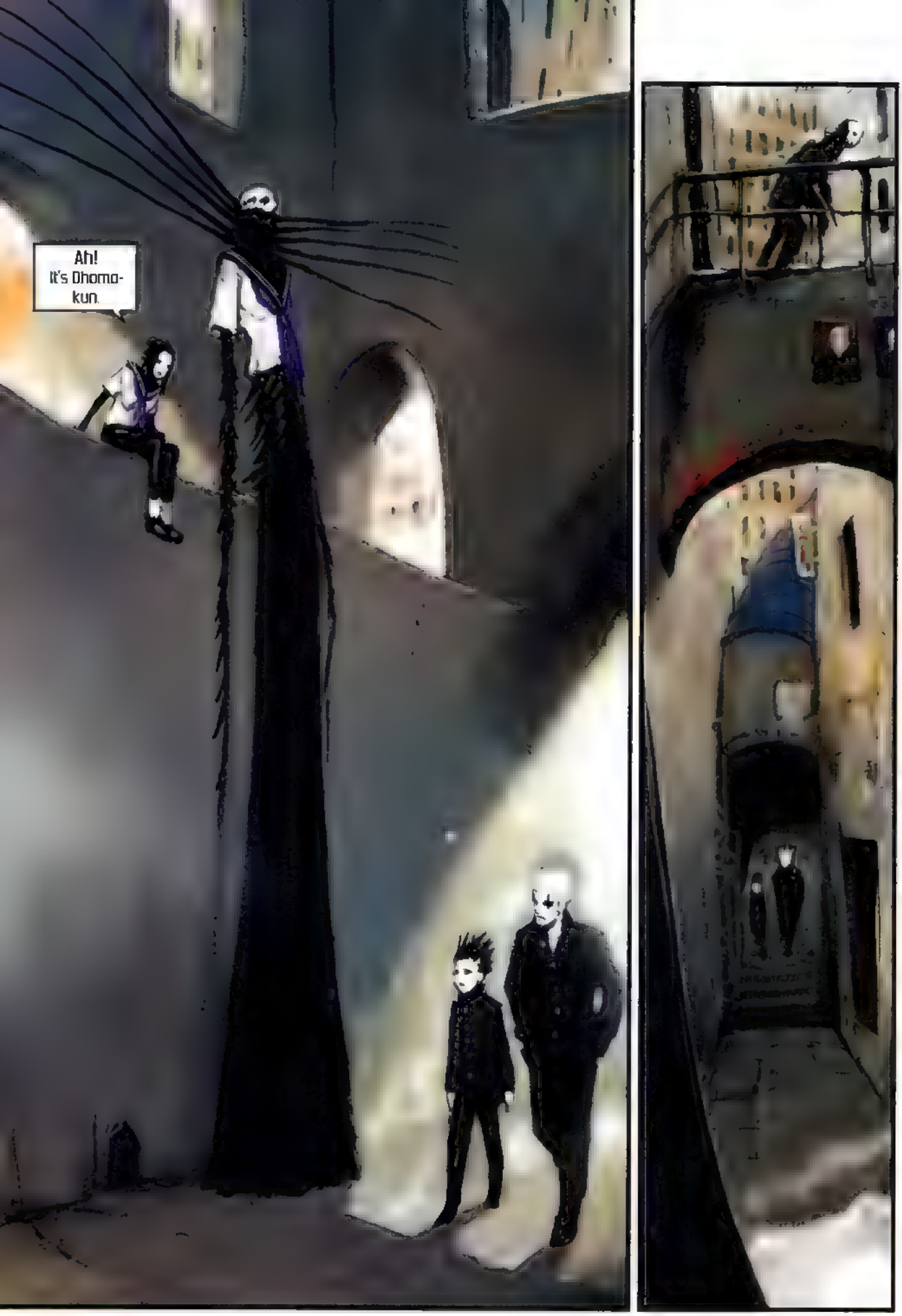
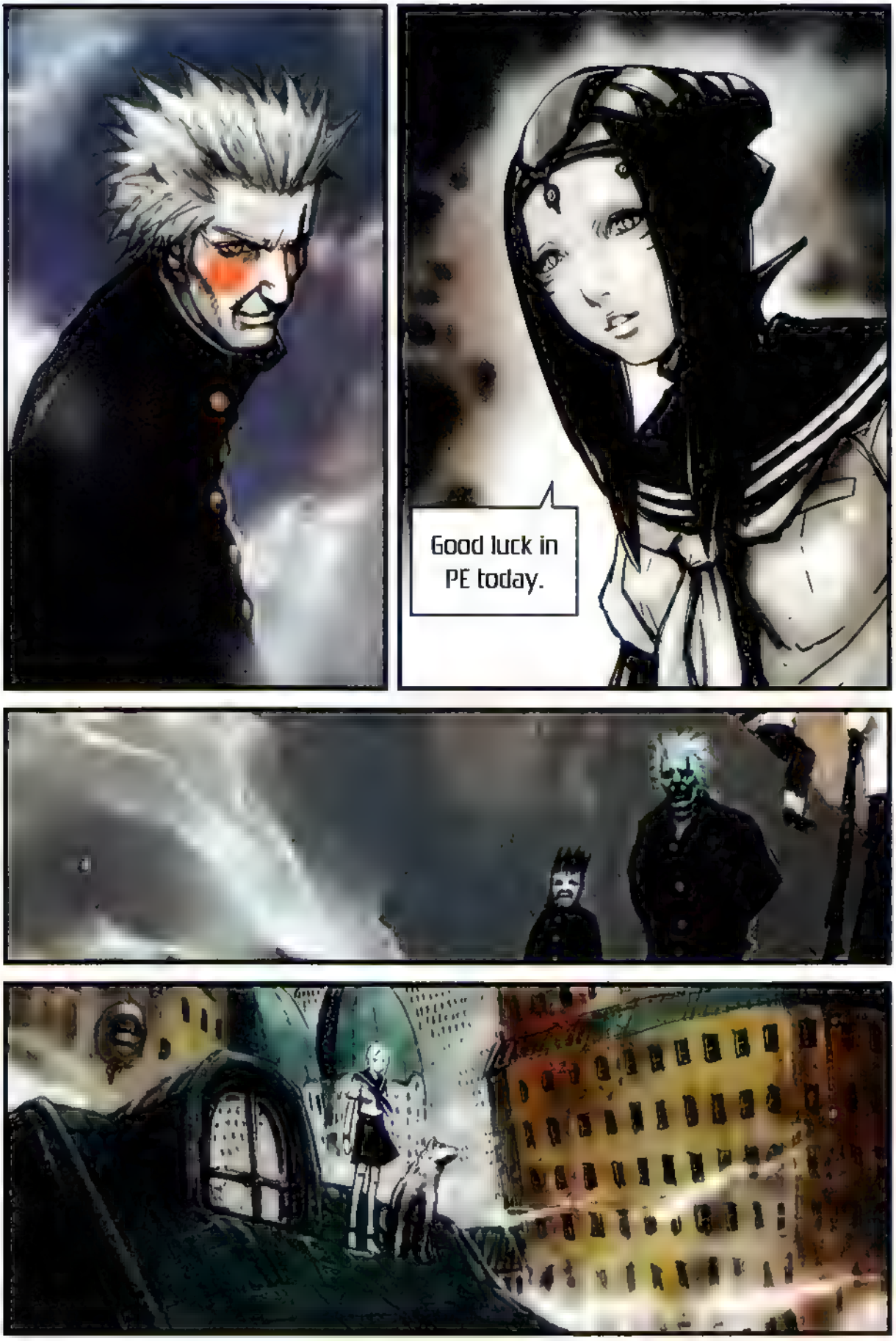
BLAME GAKUEN!

SFX: DROOL


Ah!
It's Dhoma-
kun.


Good luck in PE today.

Mensab-sensei!
Baldanba-kun
is eating his lunch
during class!

SFX: GAAHHHHHH!
Now then, let's continue.
SFX: POOOOON
SFX: PIH

Don't give sensei any attitude!!
Hey, wait a minute!!
SFX: GA-CHACK
SFX: KLINK
SFX: CLATTER
SFX: DOGAHHH

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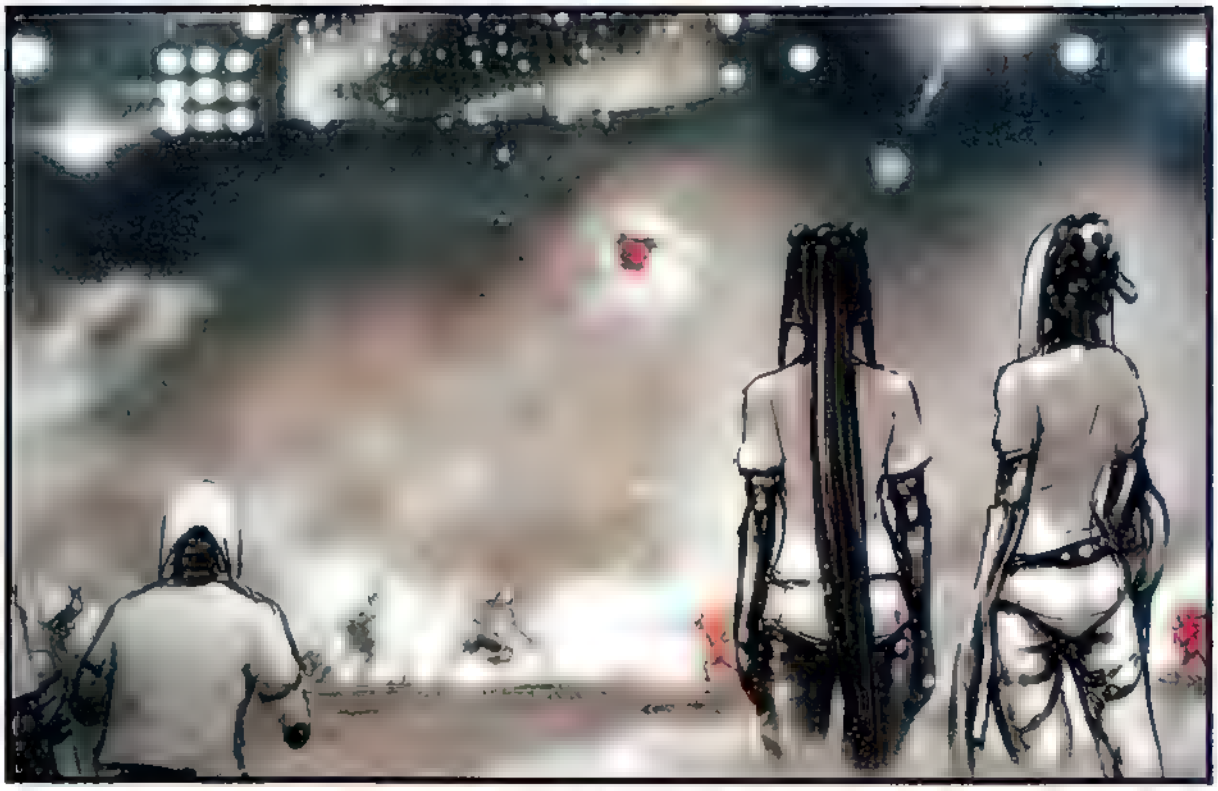
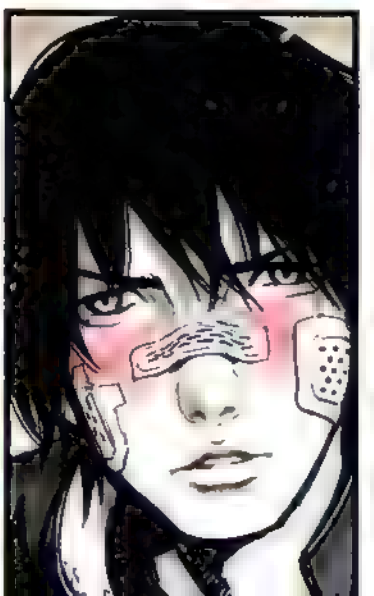
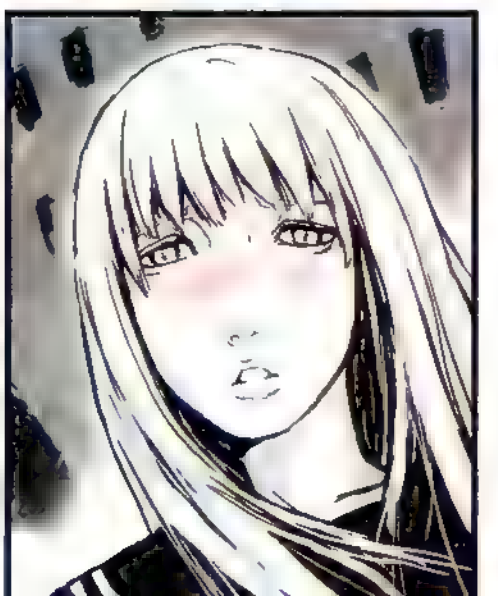


Sanakan-sensei! Did you fire at a student again?
I don't like that kinda stuff, you know!
No, not at all.
You got a complaint?

SFX: WHOOOOOSH





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BLAME GAKUEN - END

BLAME GAKUEN! TOKYO AND NARA,
UNDER ONE UMBRELLA

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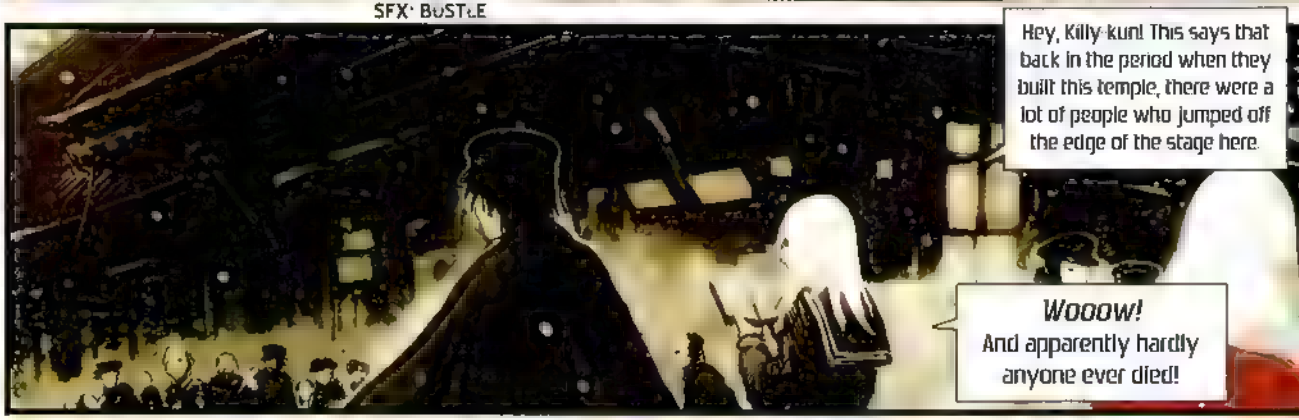
SFX: BUSTLE

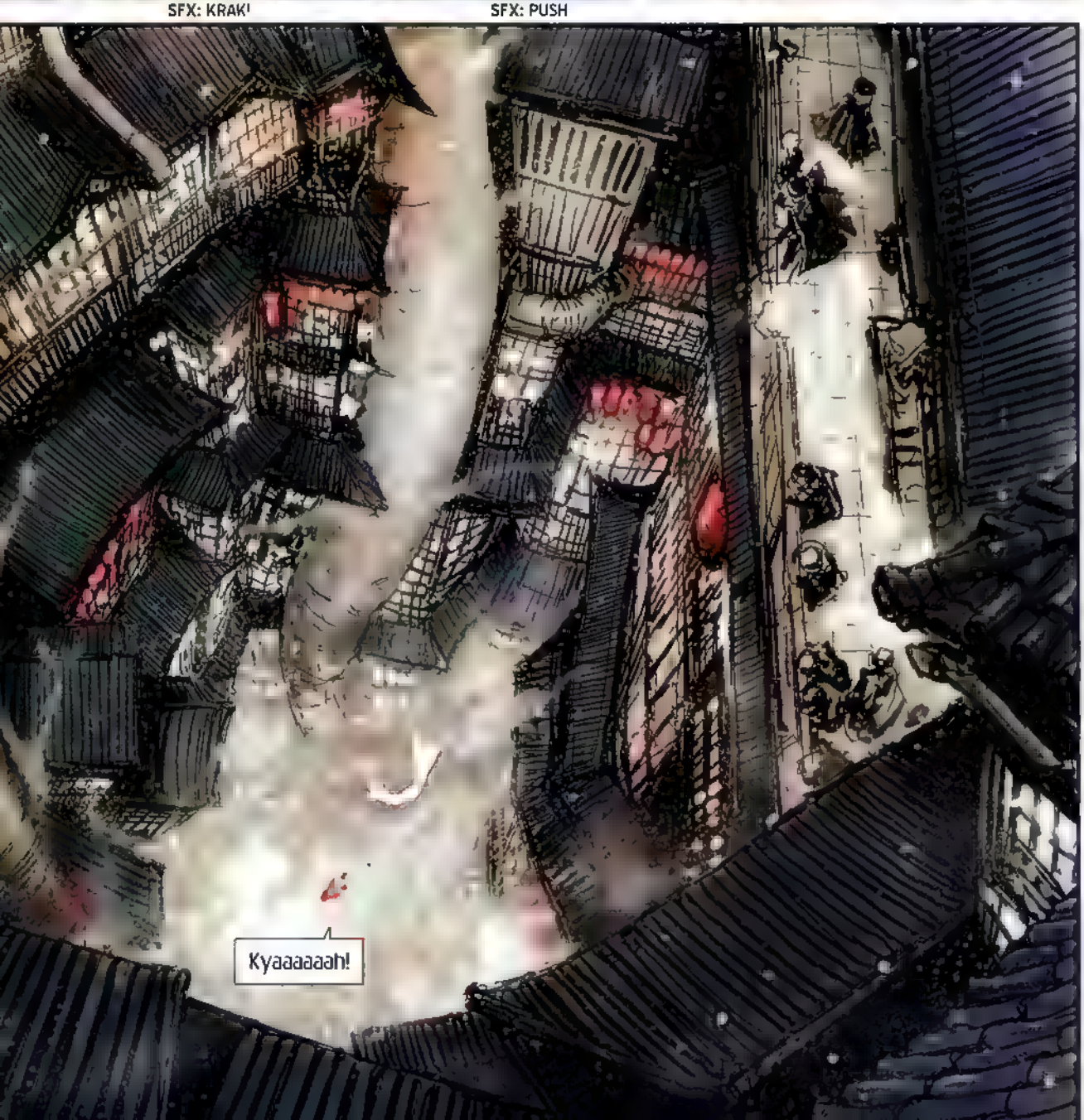

Hey, Killy-kun! This says that back in the period when they built this temple, there were a lot of people who jumped off the edge of the stage here.
Wooow!
And apparently hardly anyone ever died!

Ancient people must have had really sturdy bodies, huh?

SFX: KRAK!

SFX: CREEP

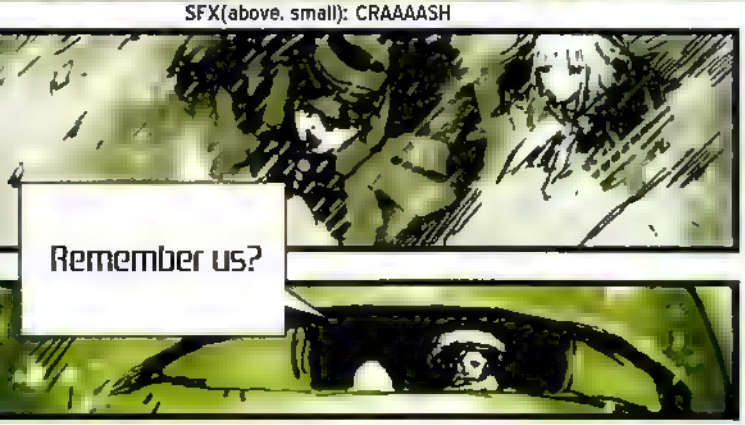
SFX: PUSH



There are a lot of deer here...
If you two don't quit it, I'm gonna shoot you both.
Sorry, Sanakan-sensei!
SFX(below): KRAK!
SFX(above): KYAAAAAAAAAH!
SFX(below): CRACKLE
SFX(above): BOOM BOOM BOOM
Geez! What are these things?
SFX(below): RUMBLE
SFX(above): PAT PAT
This school trip... don't you think it's a bit weird?

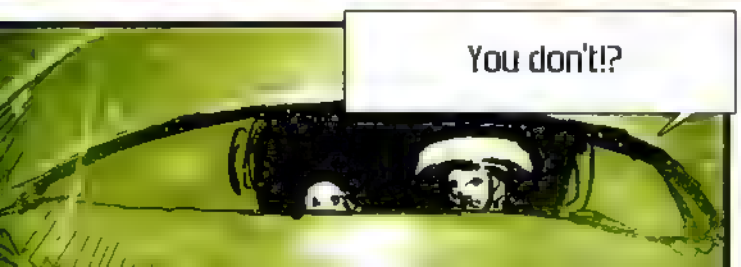
SFX(above, small): CRAAAASH

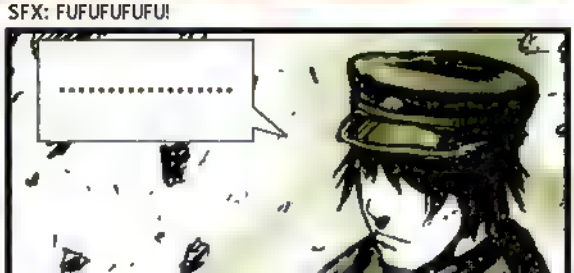
SFX(above, big): BAAAAAM



SFX: RUMBLE

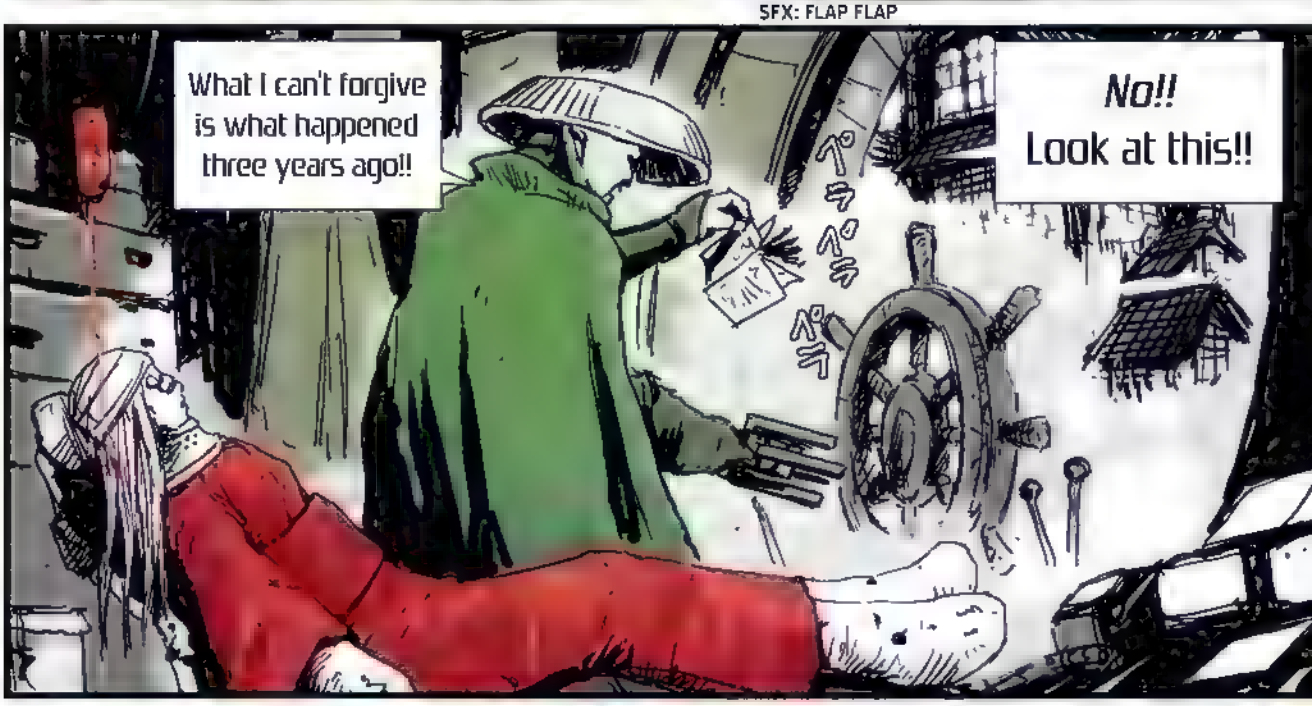
SFX: FUFUFUFUFU!





So does that mean all this is payback for what happened ten years ago?
You're the silicone creatures that appeared in BLAME! vl, right?
And if I remember correctly, Killy defeated you...

SFX: FLAP FLAP



Eat *this*!!!
Uwahhh!
Goddammit!!
Do you really wanna stand out that much, huh!?
You son of a bitch!!
SFX(be ow): BLAM!
SFX(above): WHOOSH
SFX: GA-CHINK
SFX: CRAAAAASH
Hmph!
What was that all about?
It didn't even put a scratch on us!

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SFX: RRRIP

チョ!!
Fufufufufu!
That was a was a laser that disintegrates women's clothes!

BLAME GAKUENI, TOKYO AND NARA
UNDER ONE UMBRELLA - END

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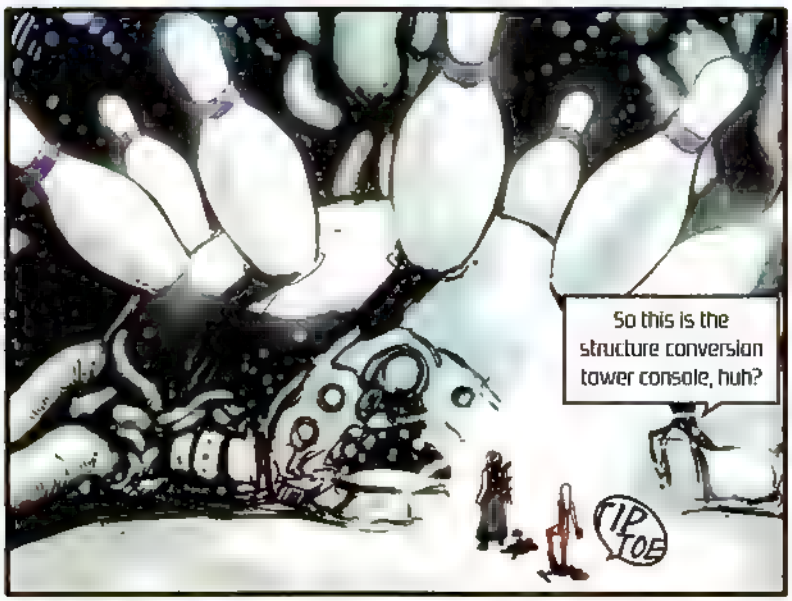
BLAME GAKUEN! UNDER THE TOWER OF BLOOMING SAKURA

SFX: WHOOOOOSH



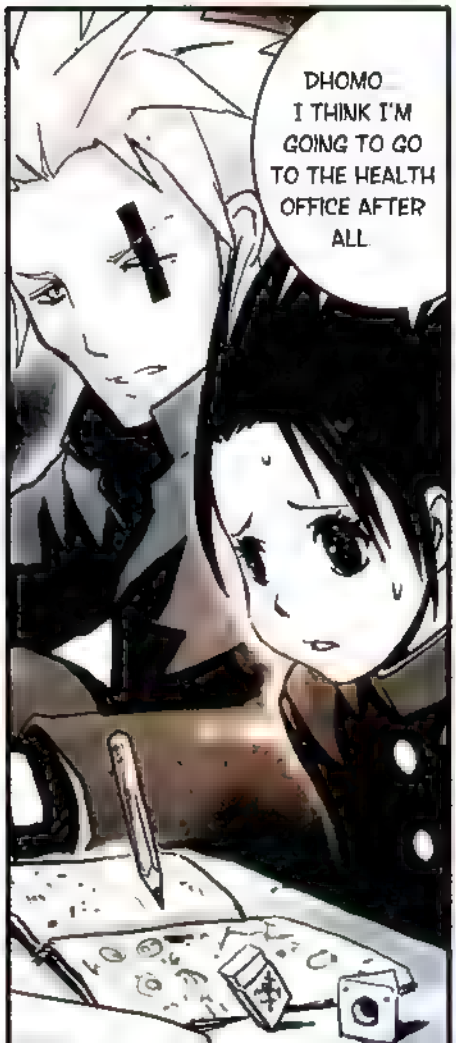
Now all we need to do is insert the structure attribute converter and activate it!
Yes... and then the academy will be *obliterated!*

SFX: BA-CHINK!
It's too bad that the academy has to go, but we don't really have a choice
Farewell, academy! Activation switch, on!!
!
Here we go.
SFX(above): BONK
SFX(below): VVVVVVNNNNNN
SFX: AHHHHHH
SFX: VVVNN
MOE CONVERTER ONLY FOR USE EMERGENCY SIT ATIONS
MOE CONVERTER
SFX: AAHHHHHHHHHHHH!!
NLY FOR USE IN
ERGENCY SITUA
Uh... I'm holding the structure attribute converter right here What did you stick in there?
STRUCTURE CONVERTER

SFX: BON
SFX: YOTA, YOTA
I... I CAN'T SEE A THING!
HUH!? WHY AM I WEARING GLASSES!?
SFX: BOYOYOOOOOON
GA HAH !!

WH WHAT'S WITH YOUR FACE?! A-AND... THOSE?!
MUMU... WITH THIS, THOUGH, MAYBE THEY'LL ACTUALLY LET US IN THE ACADEMY!!
SFX: BZZT

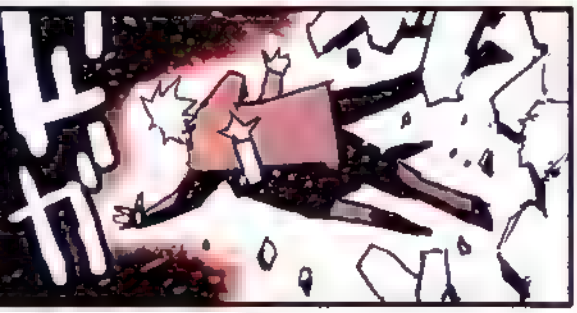
KILLY-KUUUUN!
SFX: HYUN
GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING, CIBO!
GOOD MORN-ING!
MORE IMPORTANTLY... WHY THE HELL AREN'T THEY FREAKING OUT OVER THEIR OWN TRANSFORMATIONS?!
ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL BE ALRIGHT?


DHOMO... I THINK I'M GOING TO GO TO THE HEALTH OFFICE AFTER ALL...

SANAKAN-SENSEI! IKO HAS A STOMACHACHE, SO IS IT OK IF I TAKE HIM TO THE HEALTH OFFICE?
HEY! I CAN GO BY MYSELF!

GOTTA TAKE A PISS?
GO AWAY!

SFX: BOOM



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
HEY! DON'T COME IN HERE!

DID YOU WANT TO TAKE A SHIT OR SOMETHING?
SHUT UP! I'M FINE ON MY OWN, JUST GO BACK ALREADY!

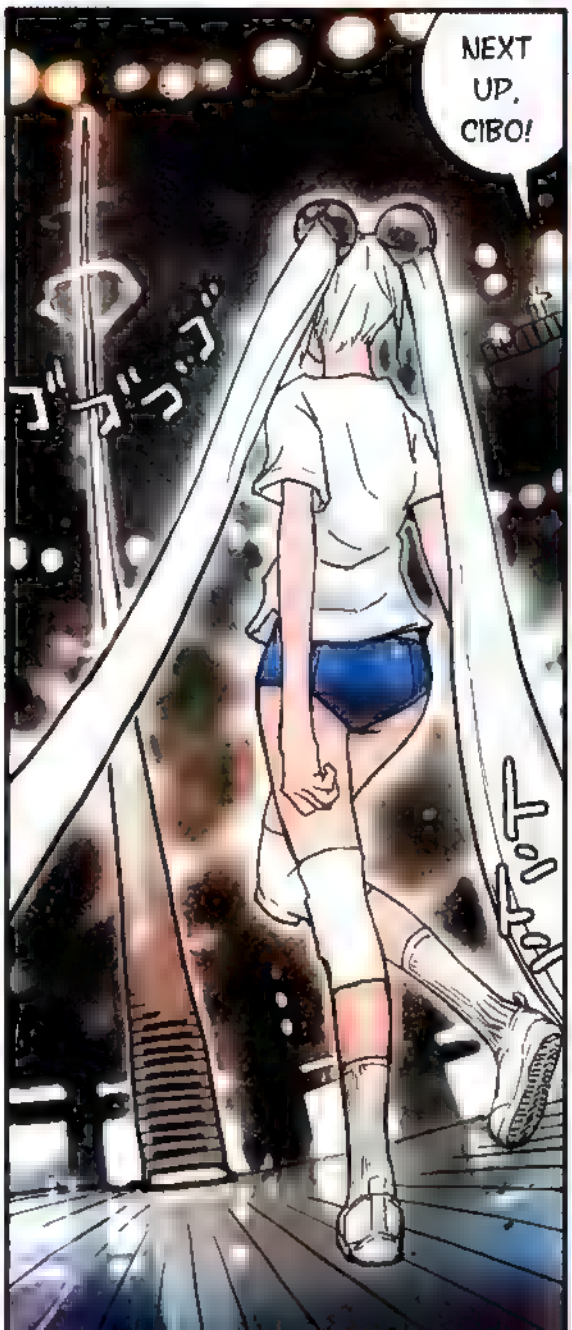
SFX: CIBOOOOO!

SFX: CHEER

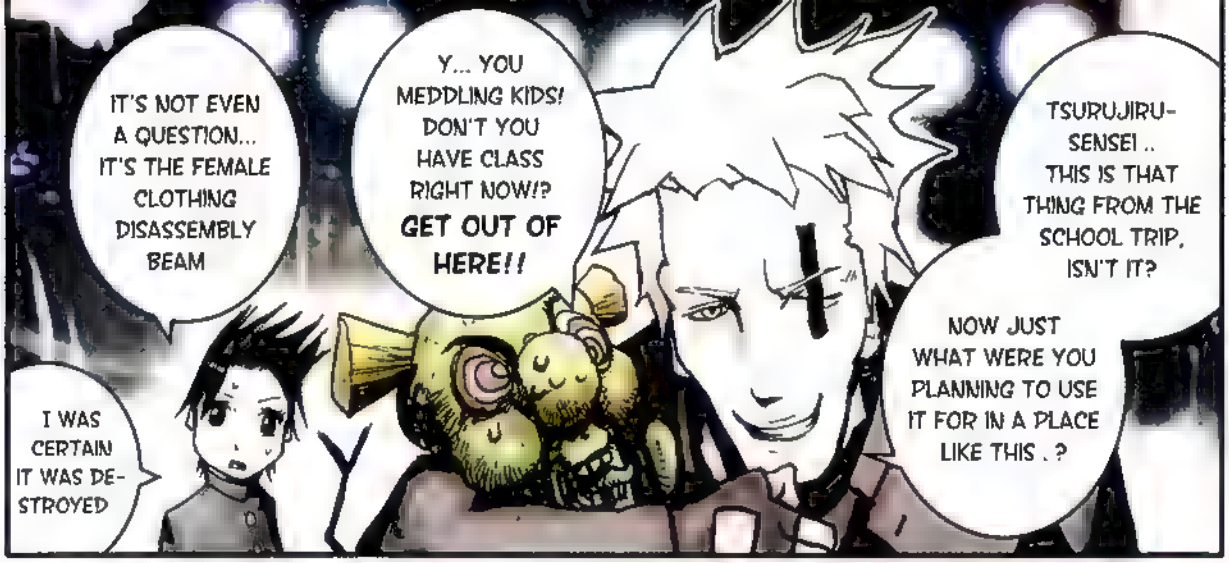
SFX: TIP TAP

SFX: CRAAAASH

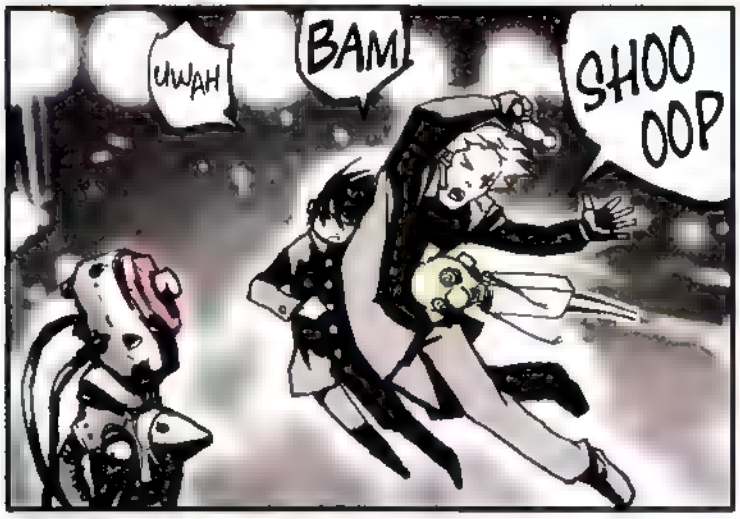
SFX: CLUNK



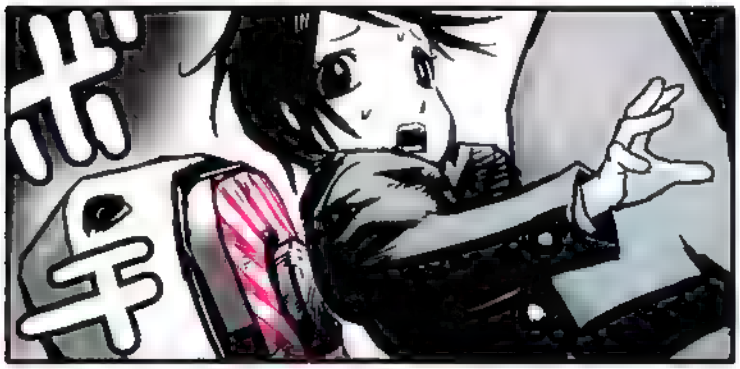
SFX: JUMP


TSURUJIRU-SENSEI .. THIS IS THAT THING FROM THE SCHOOL TRIP, ISN'T IT?
NOW JUST WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO USE IT FOR IN A PLACE LIKE THIS . ?
Y... YOU MEDDLING KIDS! DON'T YOU HAVE CLASS RIGHT NOW!? GET OUT OF HERE!!
IT'S NOT EVEN A QUESTION... IT'S THE FEMALE CLOTHING DISASSEMBLY BEAM
I WAS CERTAIN IT WAS DE-STROYED

SFX: VVVVOOOOOOH. UHYOOOH

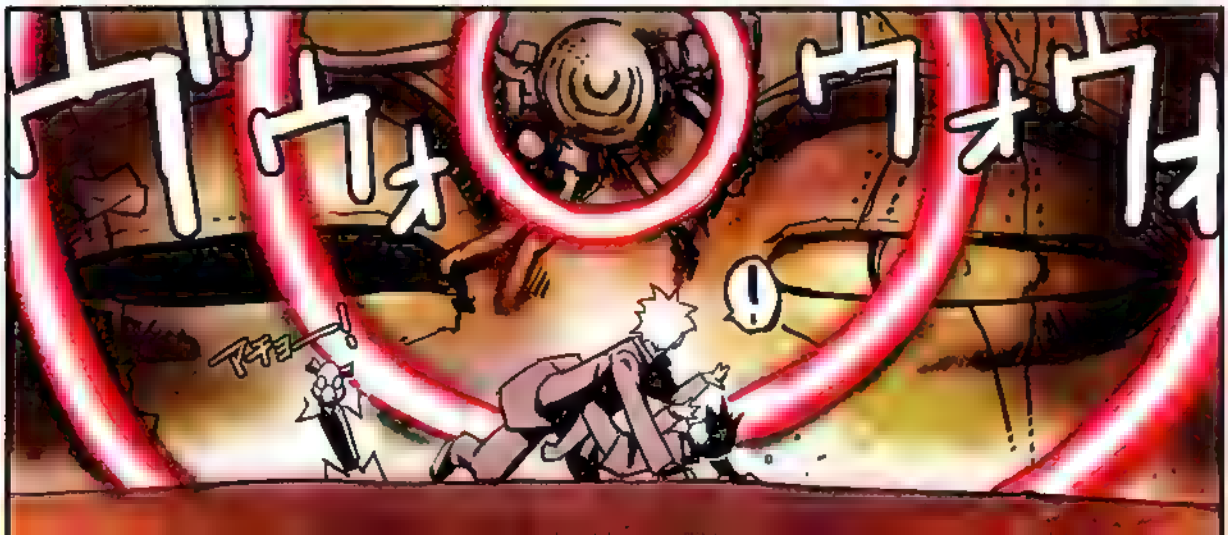


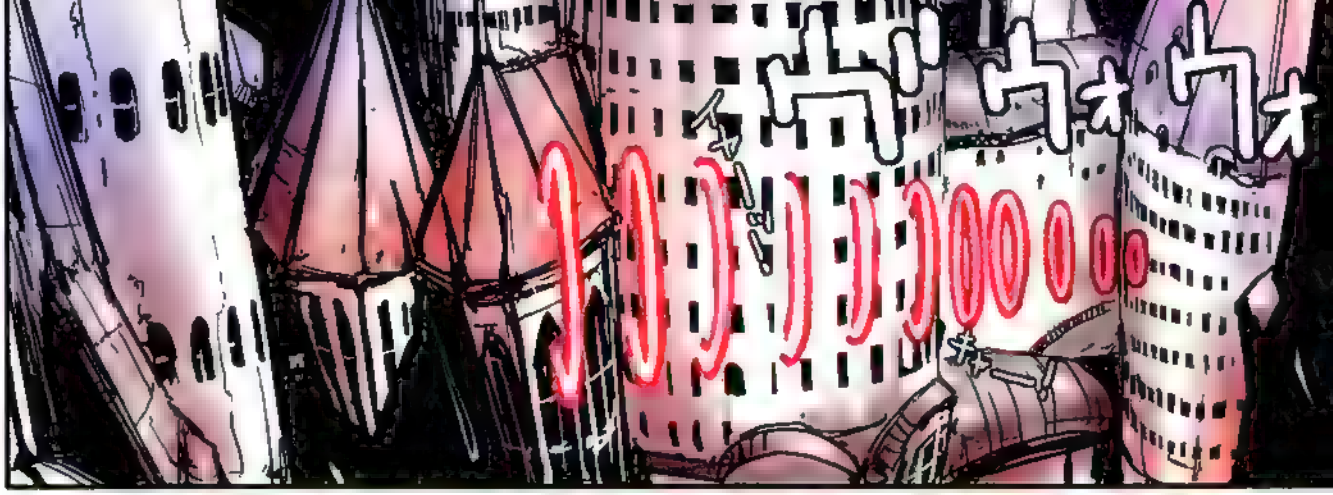
SFX: BAM



SFX: ACHOOOOOOH!

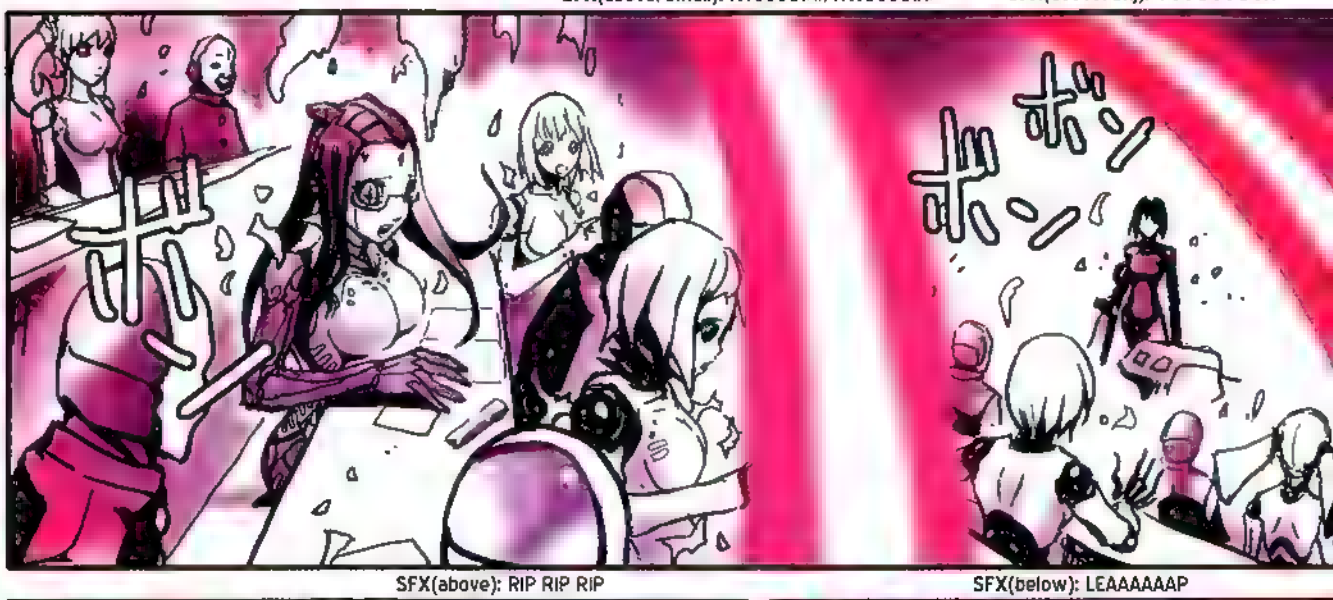
SFX: VOOOOOOOOOOH





SFX(above, small): IYAAAAAH!, KYAAAAAH!

SFX(above, big): VOOOOOOOH

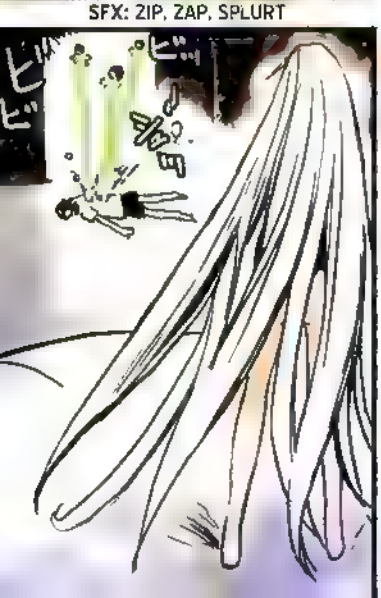


SFX(above): RIP RIP RIP

SFX(below): LEAAAAAAP

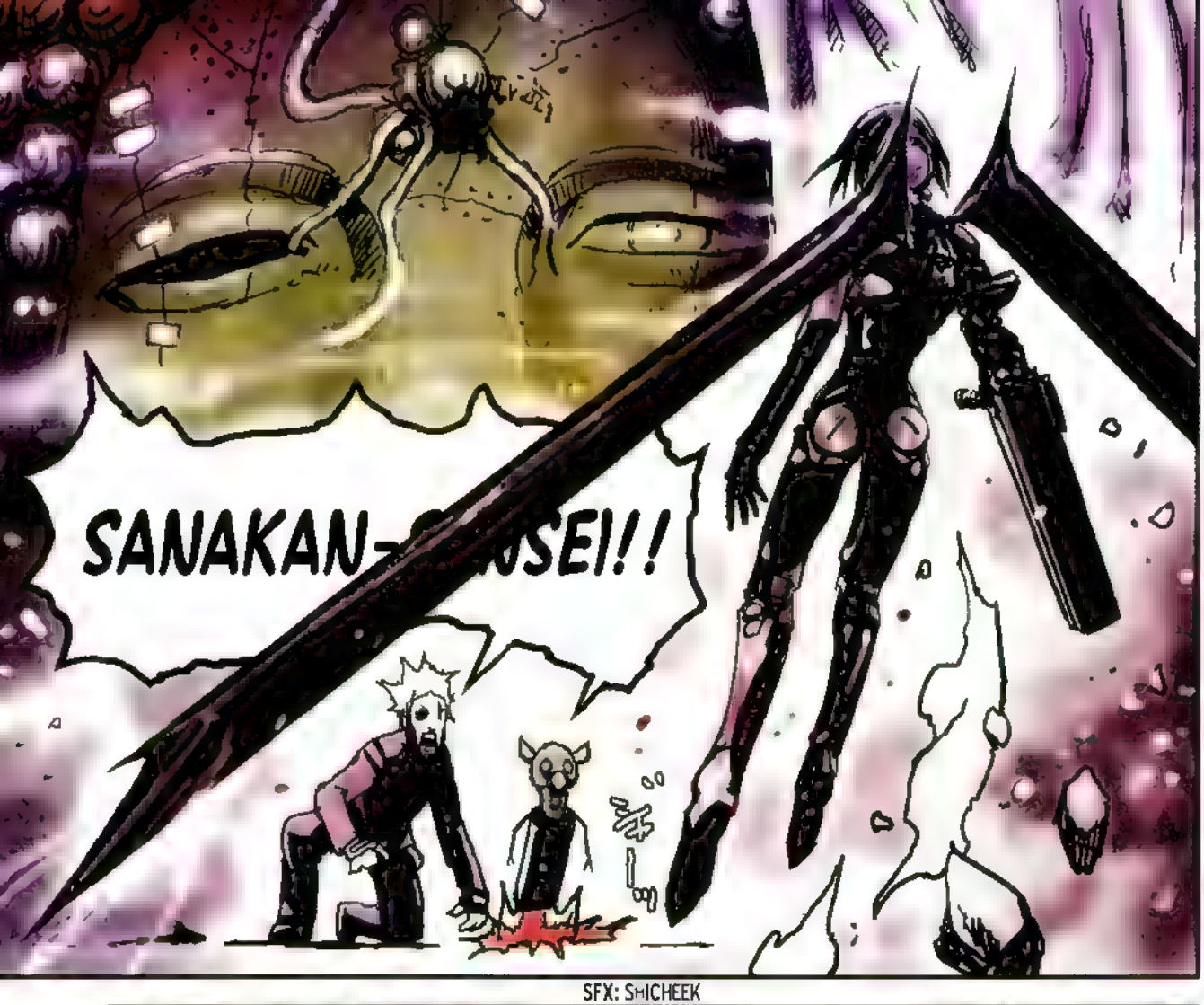
SFX(above): PFFFFFFFFFSH

SFX: ZIP, ZAP, SPLURT

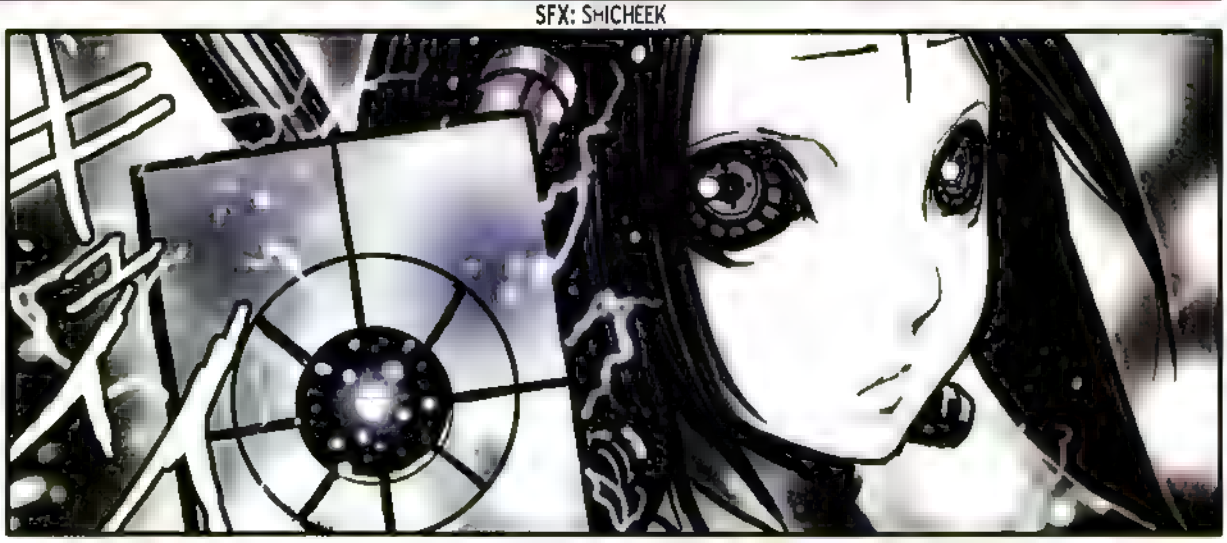


DHOMO, YOU IDIOT!!

EHH HHH HHH HHH !?!?



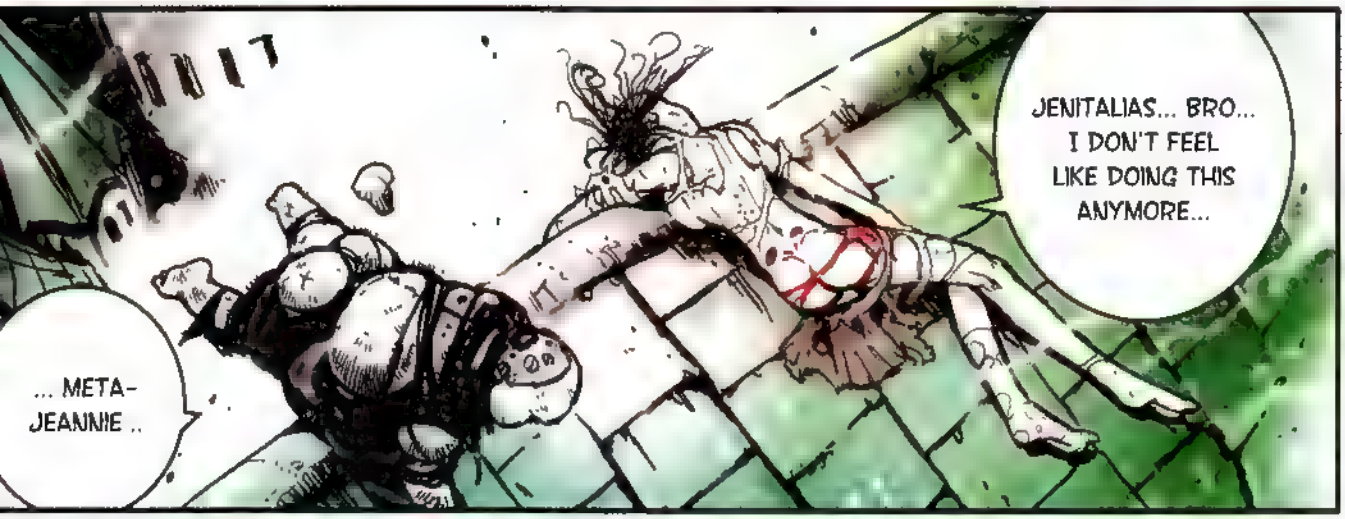
SFX: SHICHEEK



SFX: KYUUUN

SFX: BOOM
SFX: KLINK!
STOP AT ONCE!!
!!
OH, NO!! IT'S PRES-IDENT SEU OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
IF YOU DO NOT, I WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DECLARE YOU AS IMPOSTOR STUDENTS!

SFX: BAGOOOOOM



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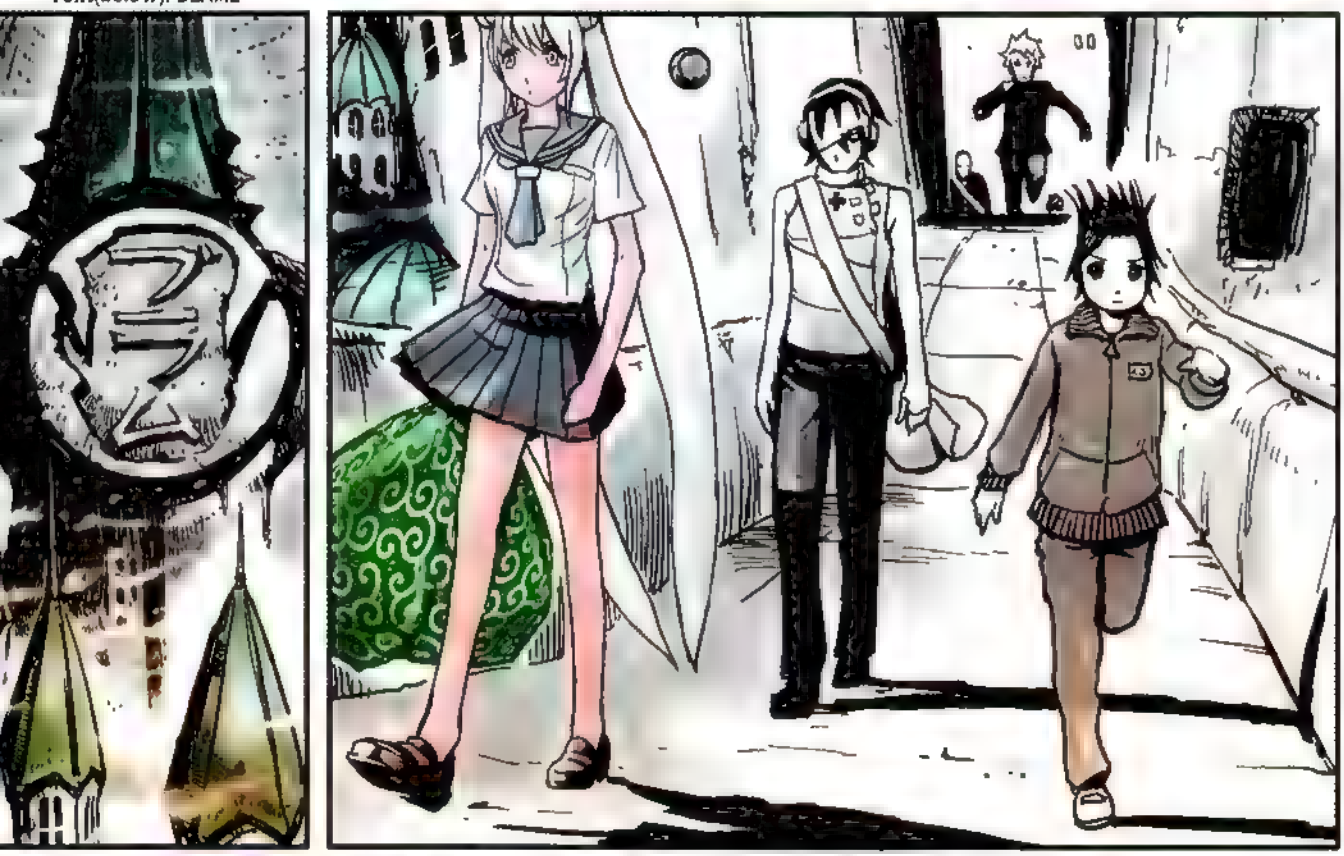

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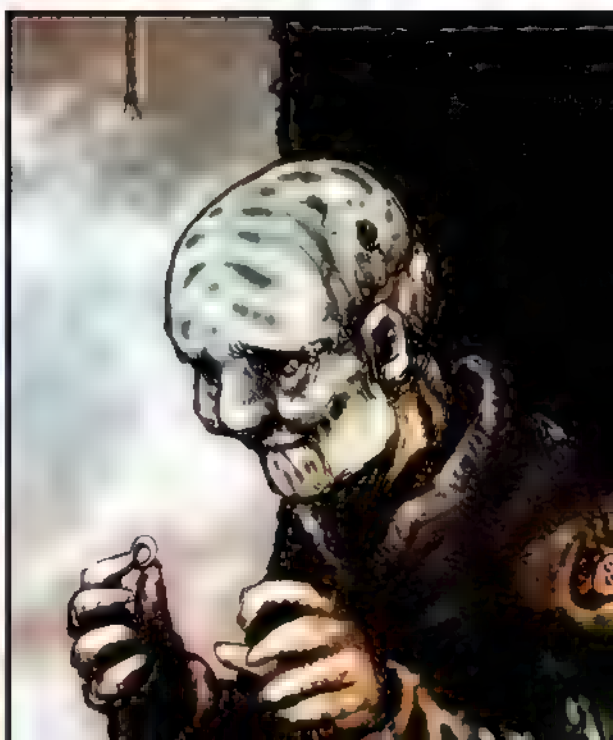
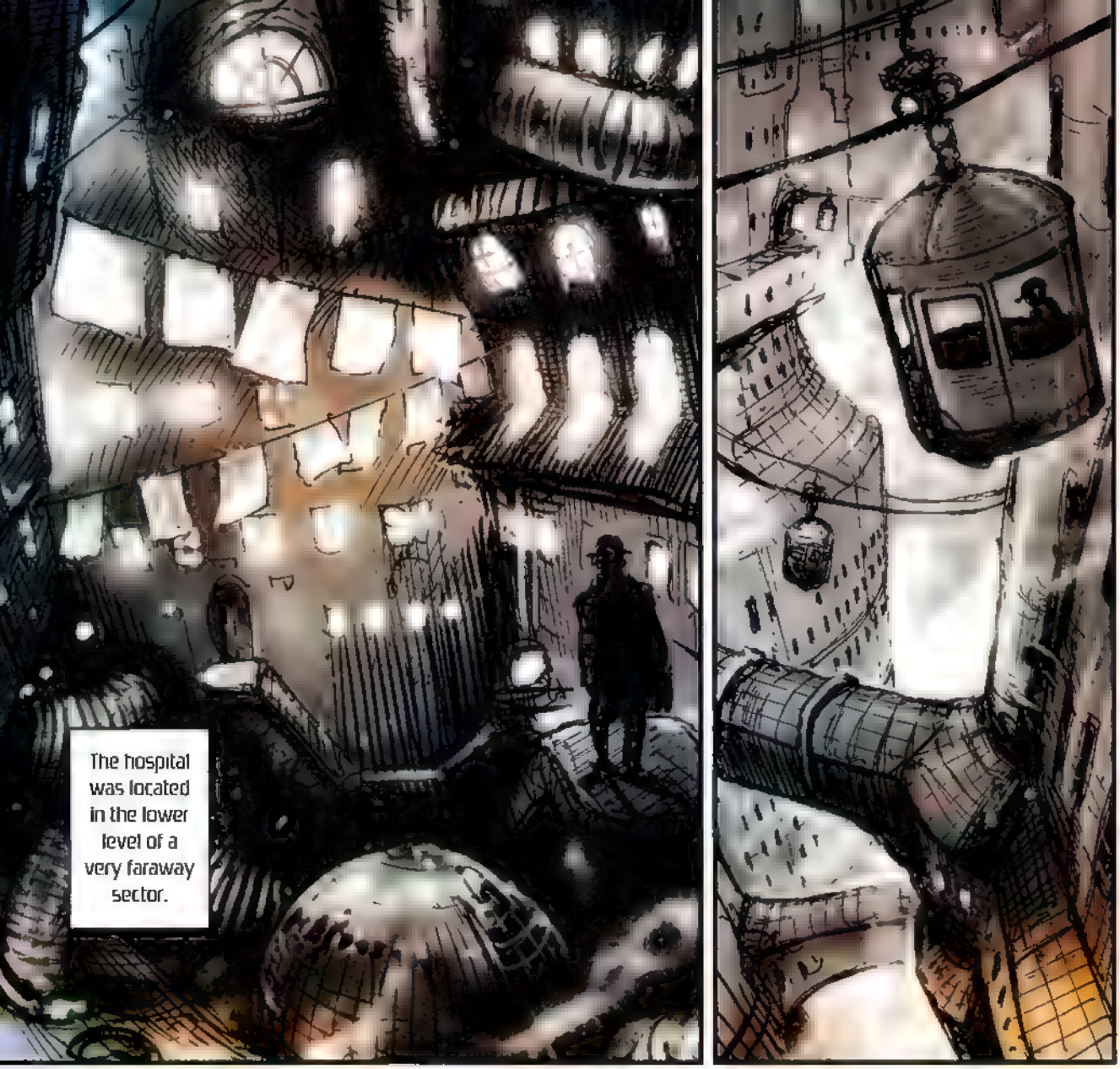
PARCEL

A parcel came with my older brother's address on it.

However, my older brother left here forty years ago, and has since disappeared.

I decided to visit the hospital where the sender lived.

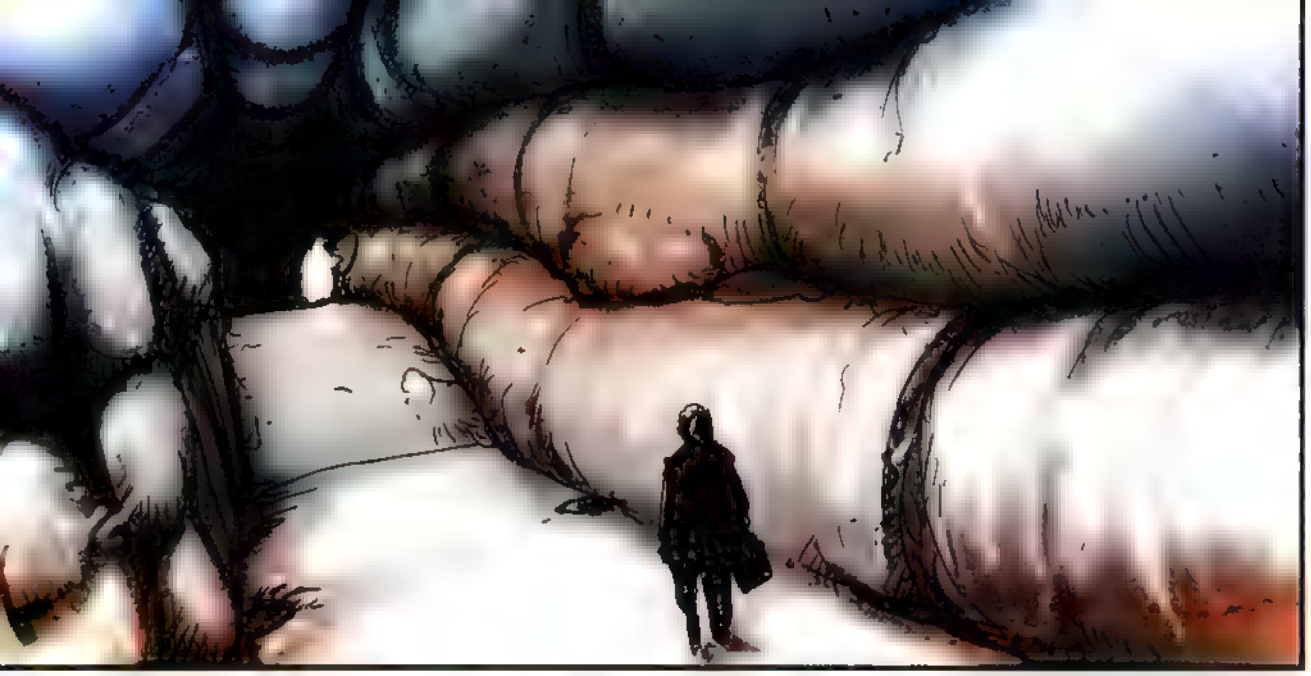



The hospital was located in the lower level of a very faraway sector.

Good thing I'm skilled with my hands.
After handing over my hand-made fourfold pencil sharpener, the nurse finally checked my brother's records for me.

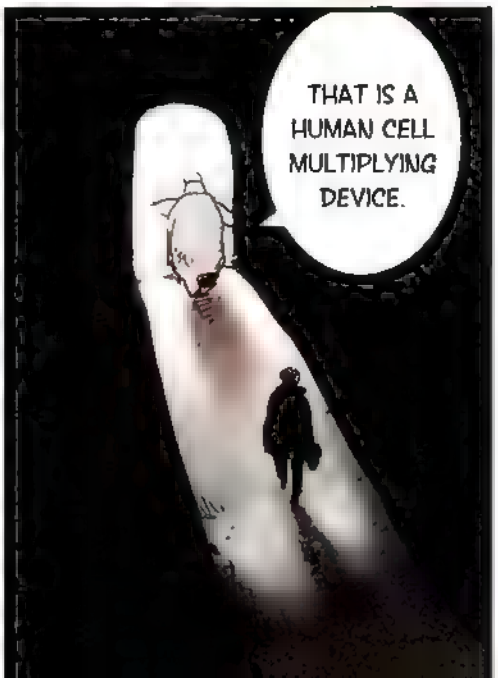
Apparently, the Food Development Department where my brother works supplies liquid food to every single sector

What an *amazing* system!!



AN OBSER-VATION TRIP, I SEE.

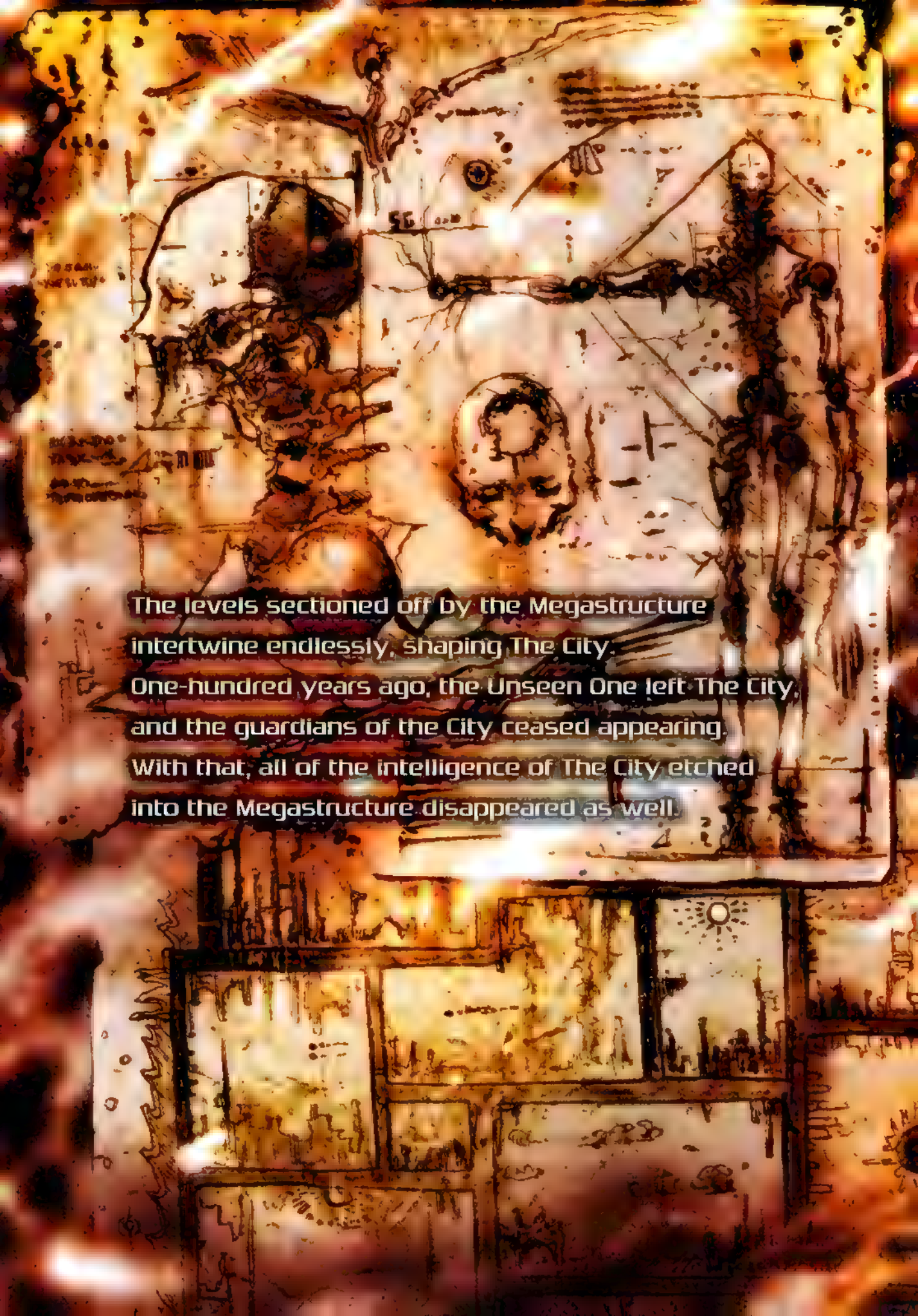
... IS WHO I'M LOOKING FOR.

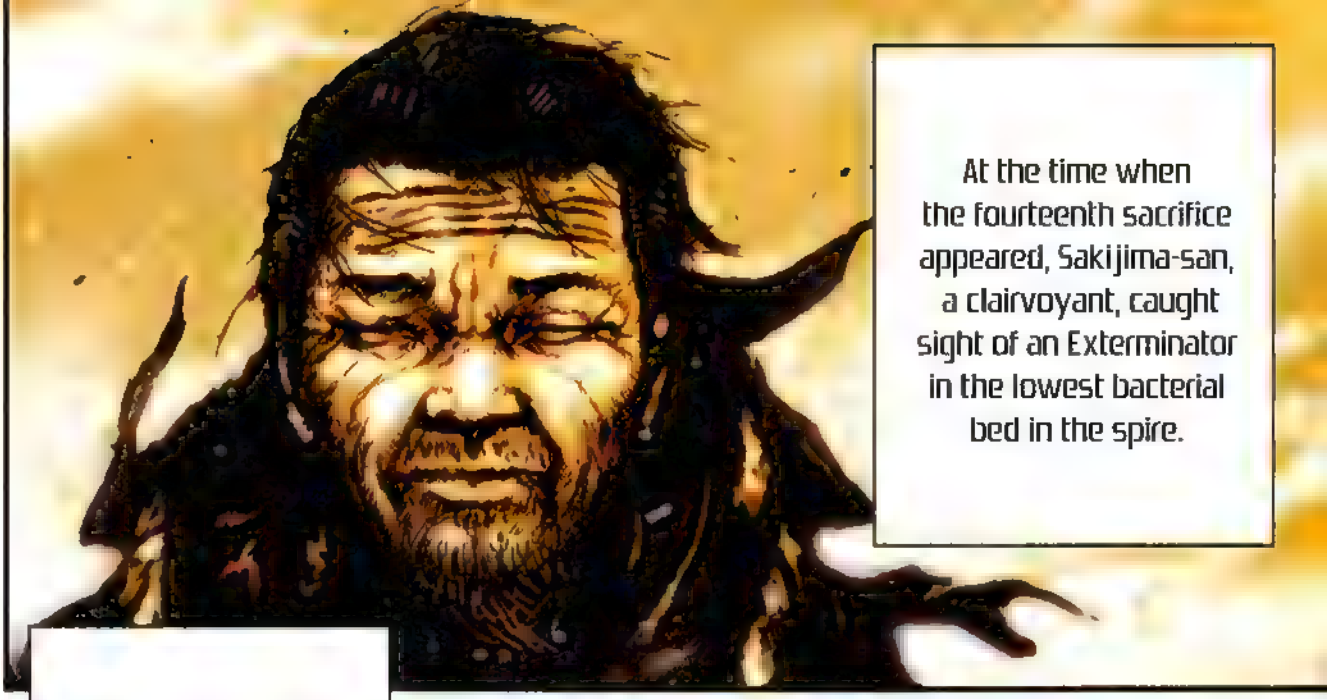

THAT IS A HUMAN CELL MULTIPLYING DEVICE.

That's where my brother was.

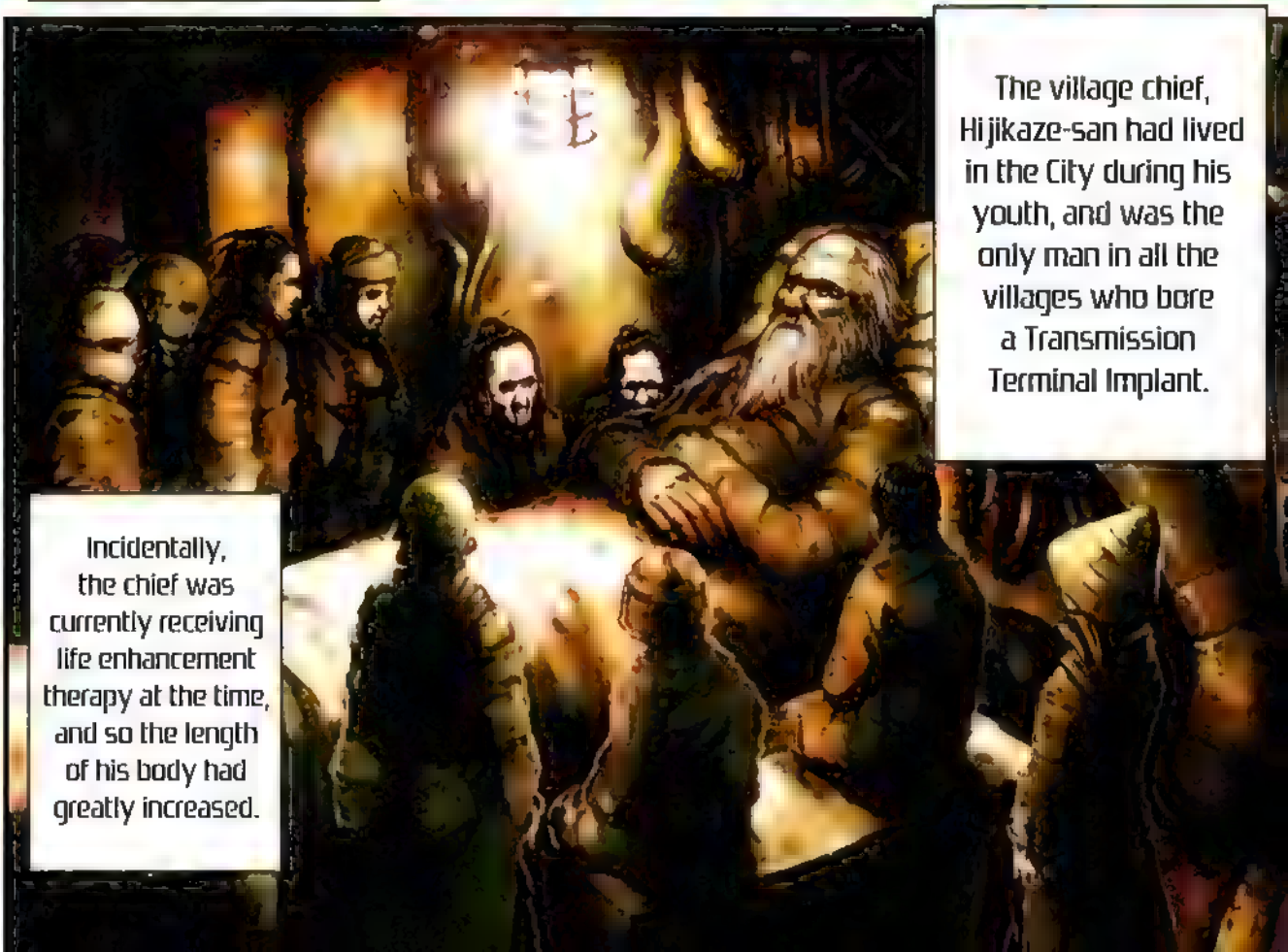
05
PARCEL - END

06
NETSPHERE ENGINEER

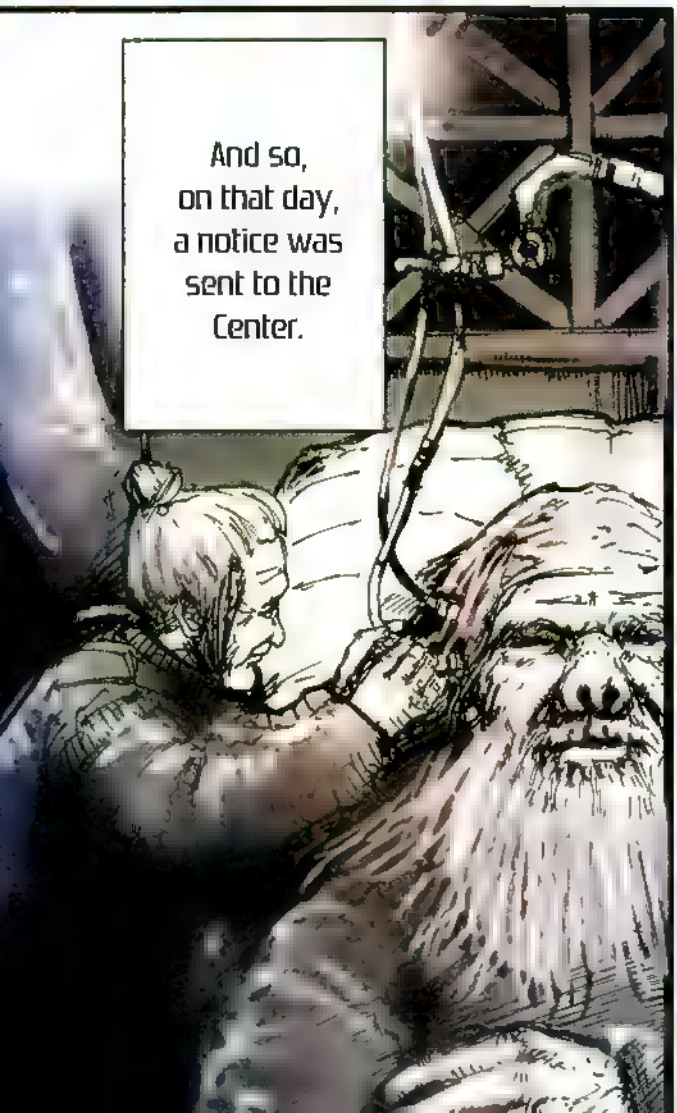

The levels sectioned off by the Megastructure intertwine endlessly, shaping The City.
One-hundred years ago, the Unseen One left The City, and the guardians of the City ceased appearing.
With that, all of the intelligence of The City etched into the Megastructure disappeared as well.


At the time when the fourteenth sacrifice appeared, Sakijima-san, a clairvoyant, caught sight of an Exterminator in the lowest bacterial bed in the spire.

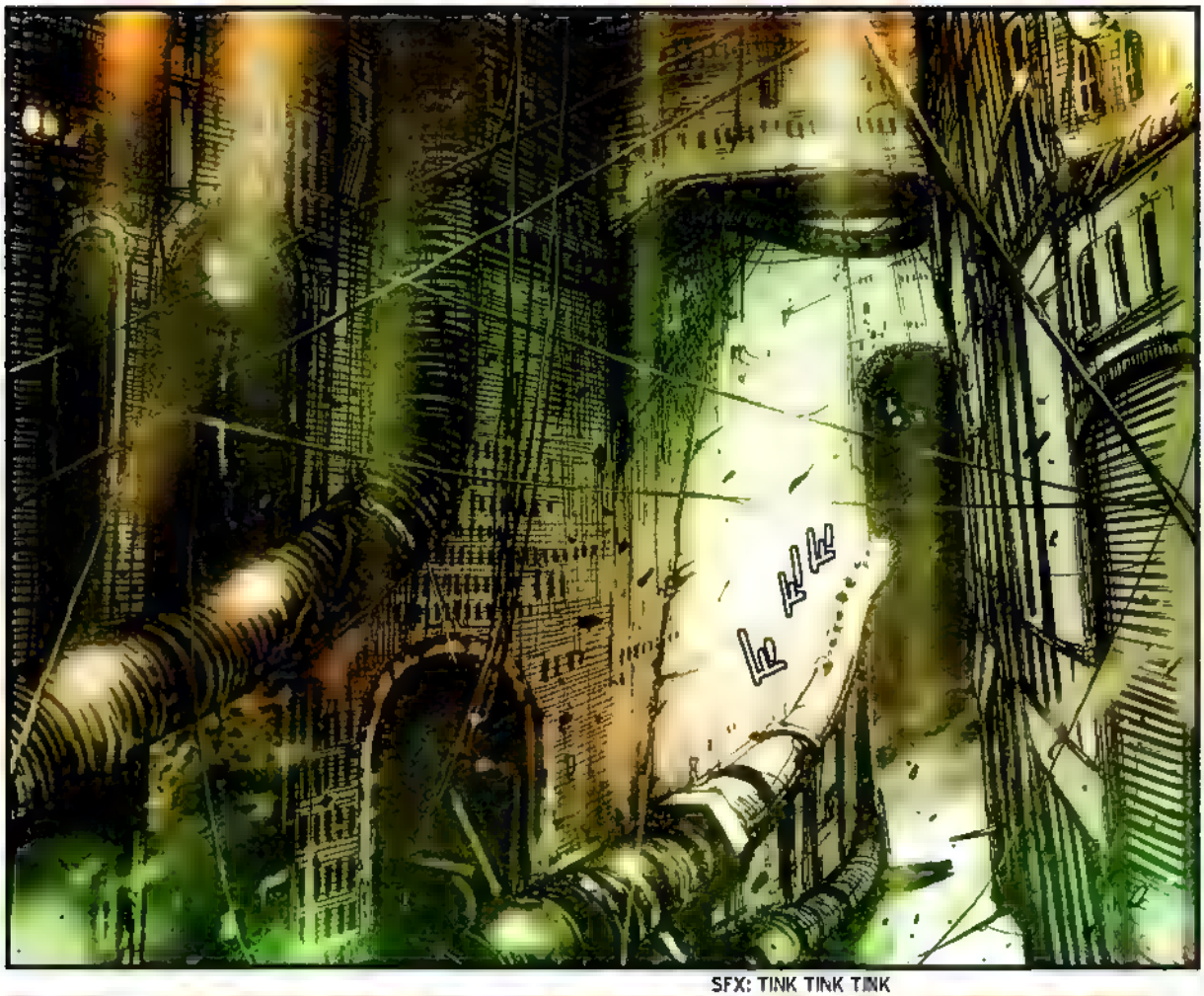
Corpses that were no longer capable of moving were often spotted. This Exterminator, however, appeared as if it had just been newly-made.


The village chief, Hijikaze-san had lived in the City during his youth, and was the only man in all the villages who bore a Transmission Terminal Implant.
Incidentally, the chief was currently receiving life enhancement therapy at the time, and so the length of his body had greatly increased.

ACCORDING TO THE LAW, HE MUST BE HANDED OVER TO THE CENTER AT ONCE.

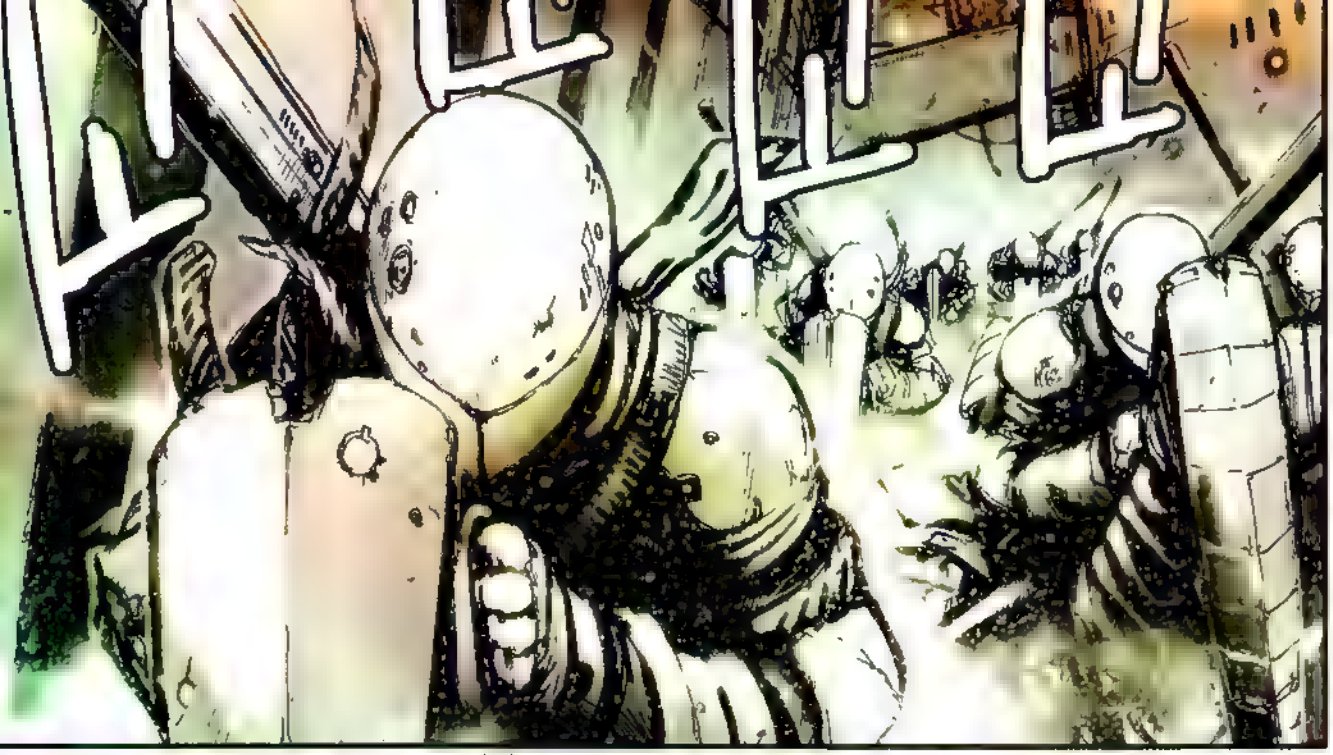

And so, on that day, a notice was sent to the Center.

IN ANY CASE, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING FOR US TO DEAL WITH.



SFX: TINK TINK TINK

SFX: GALLOP



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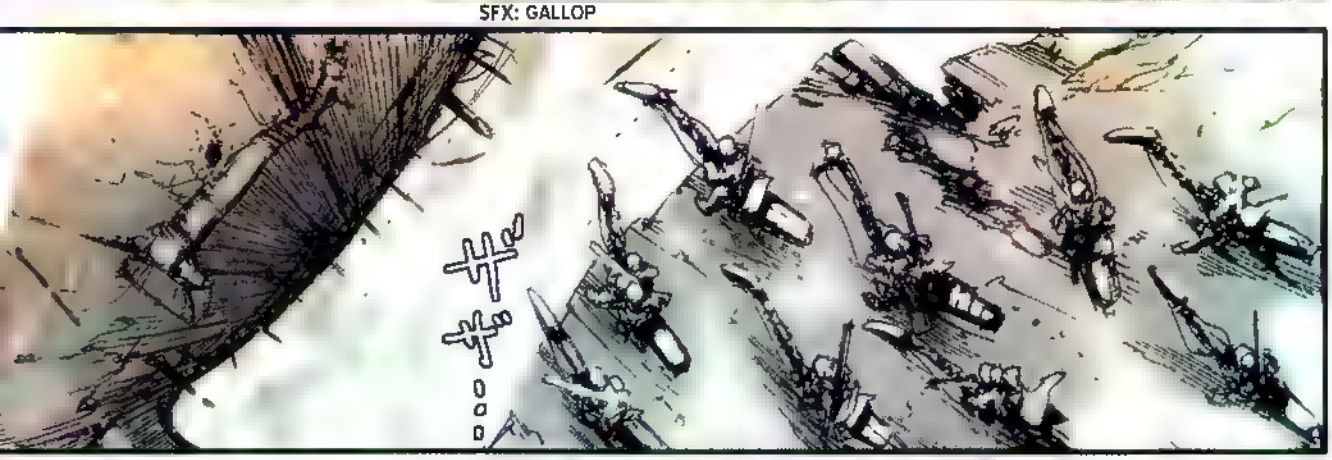

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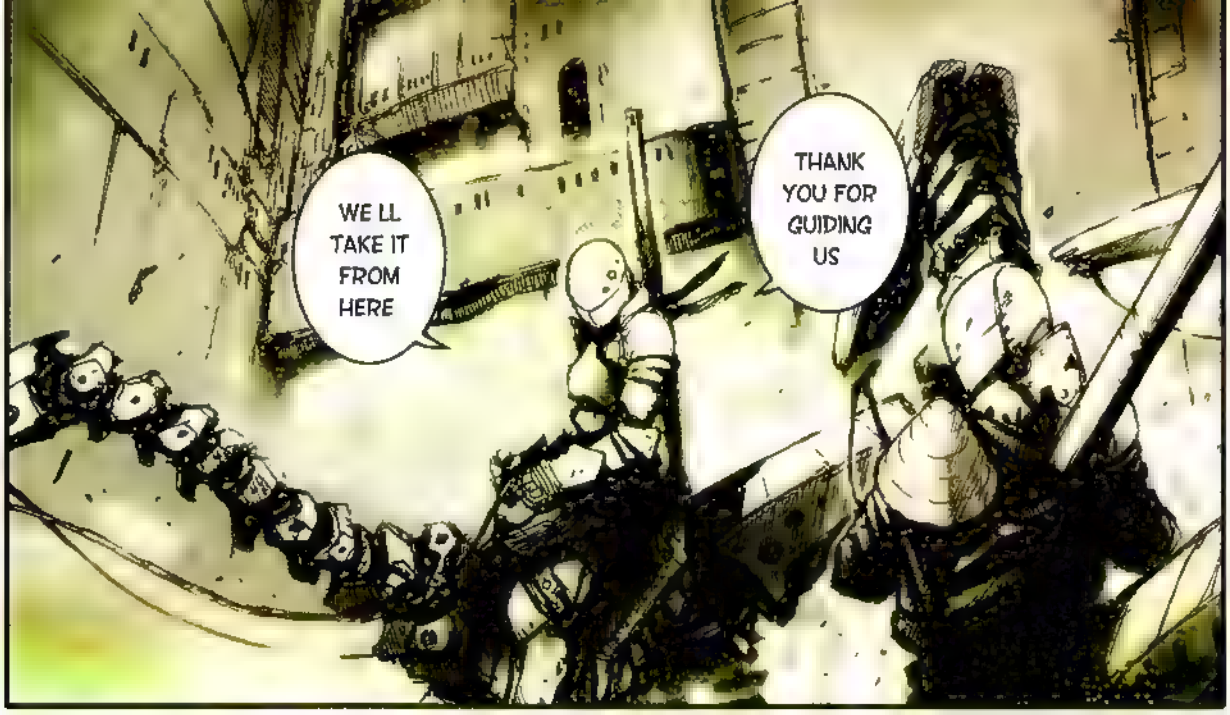
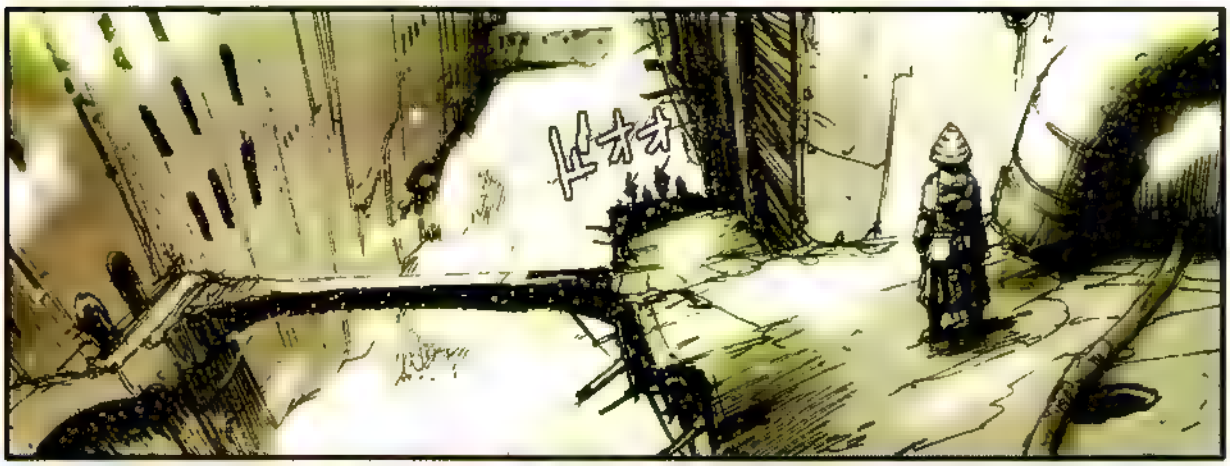




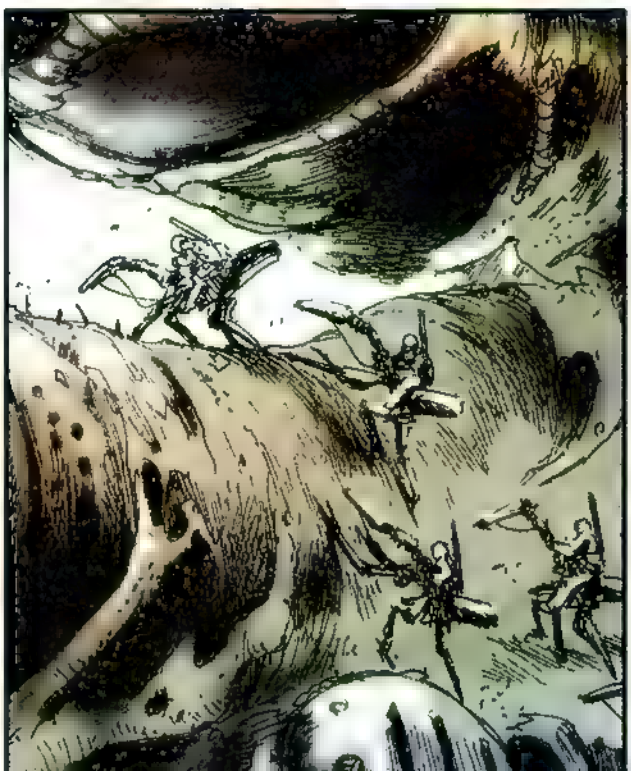
SFX: GALLOP

SFX: STOMP

SFX: GASHACK

A BUILDER. THEY DON'T EXACTLY LEAVE HUMANS ALONE, SO IT'S BEST NOT TO STARE AT IT TOO MUCH
WHAT IS *THAT!?*

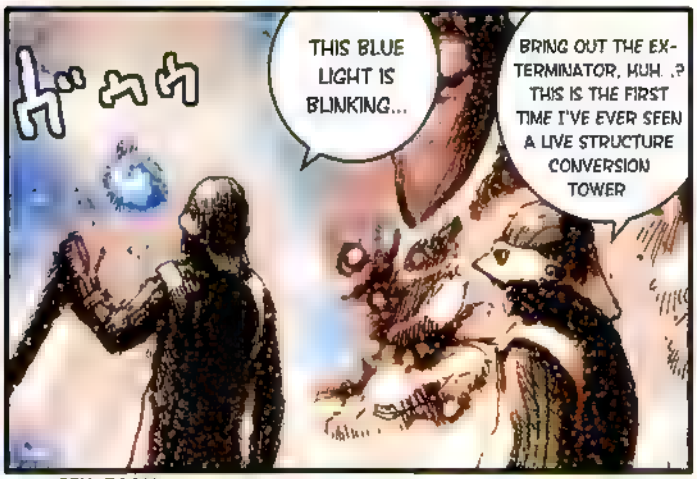
SO THIS IS A STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER AFTER ALL!
OHHH!

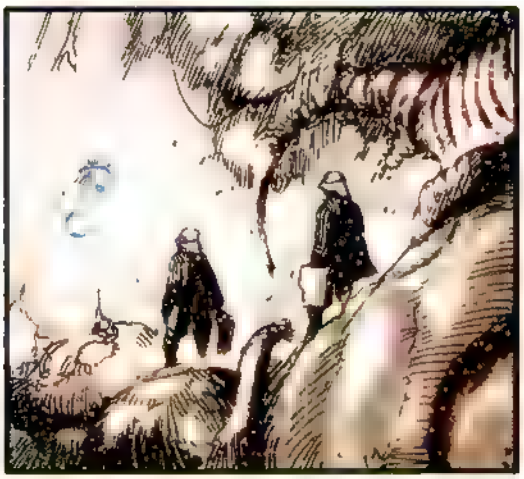


SFX: VVVVVVNNNNN

THIS STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER IS LIVE!!
THIS IS AN AMAZING DISCOVERY!!
THERE'S STILL ELECTRI-CITY..
YES, THAT MUST BE IT.
WOULD IT BE SAFE TO ASSUME THEN THAT THIS STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER IS WHAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE EXTERMI-NATOR THAT ATTACKED THAT GROUP?
IT'S FINE, SIRS! NO MATTER WHAT COMES FROM THE ABYSS, WE'LL DESTROY IT FOR YOU!
EHHH!?
ELECTRICIANS - GET THE TOWER TO SEND OUT THE EXTERMINATOR. IF POSSIBLE, I WANT TO BRING IT BACK ALIVE
BUT WITHOUT PROOF, WE CAN'T RETURN TO THE CITY.

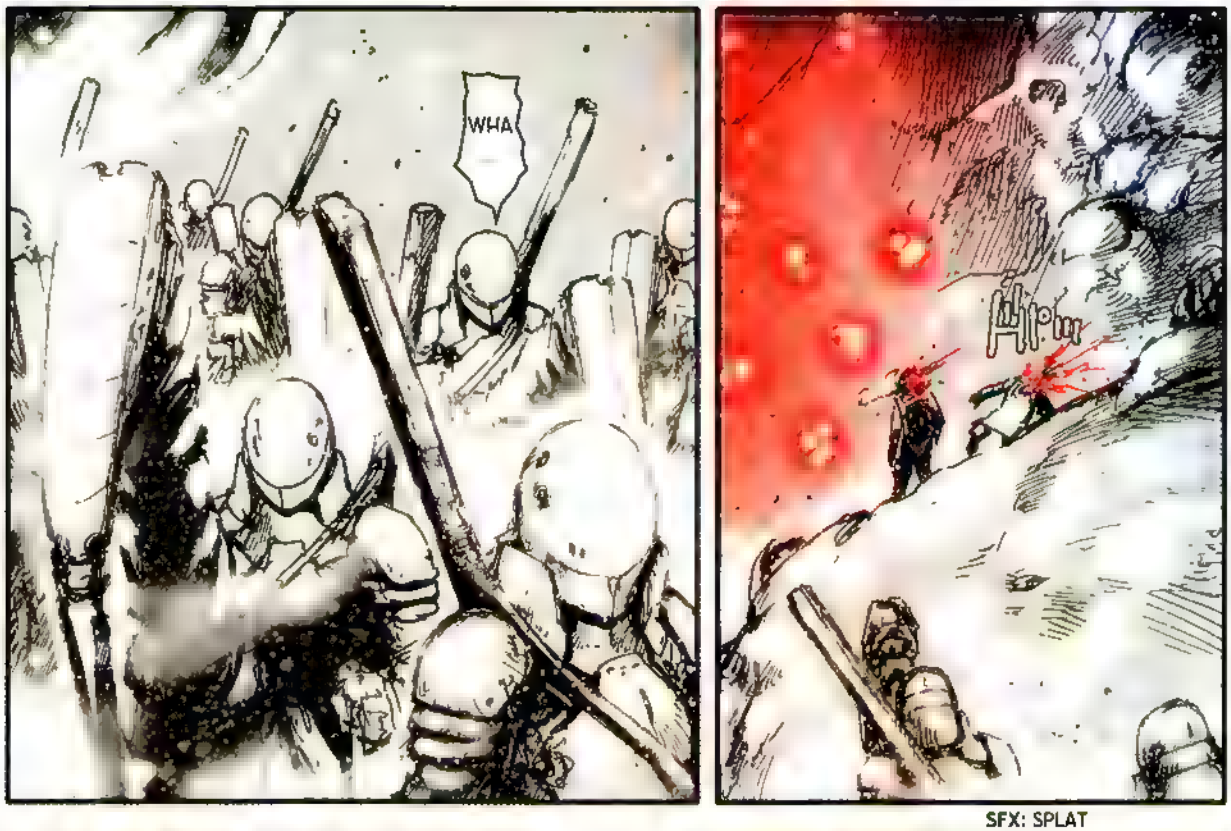
SFX: VOOOO

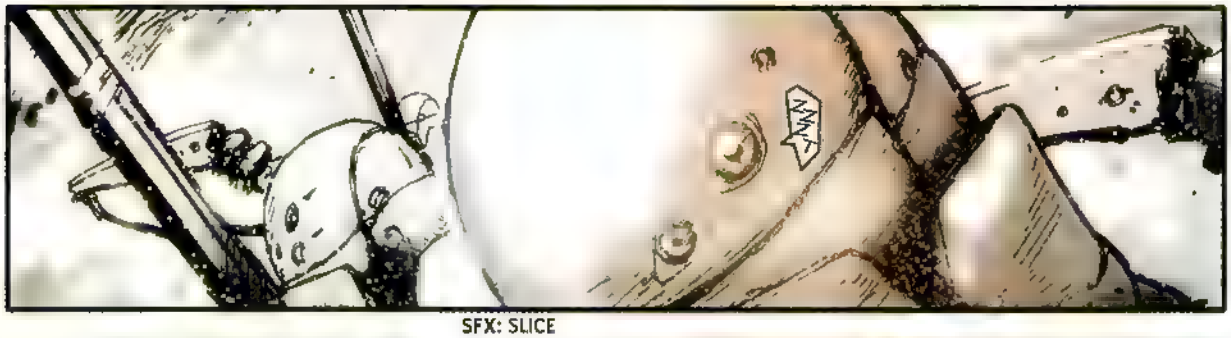

THIS BLUE LIGHT IS BLINKING...
BRING OUT THE EX-TERMINATOR, HUH..? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN A LIVE STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER

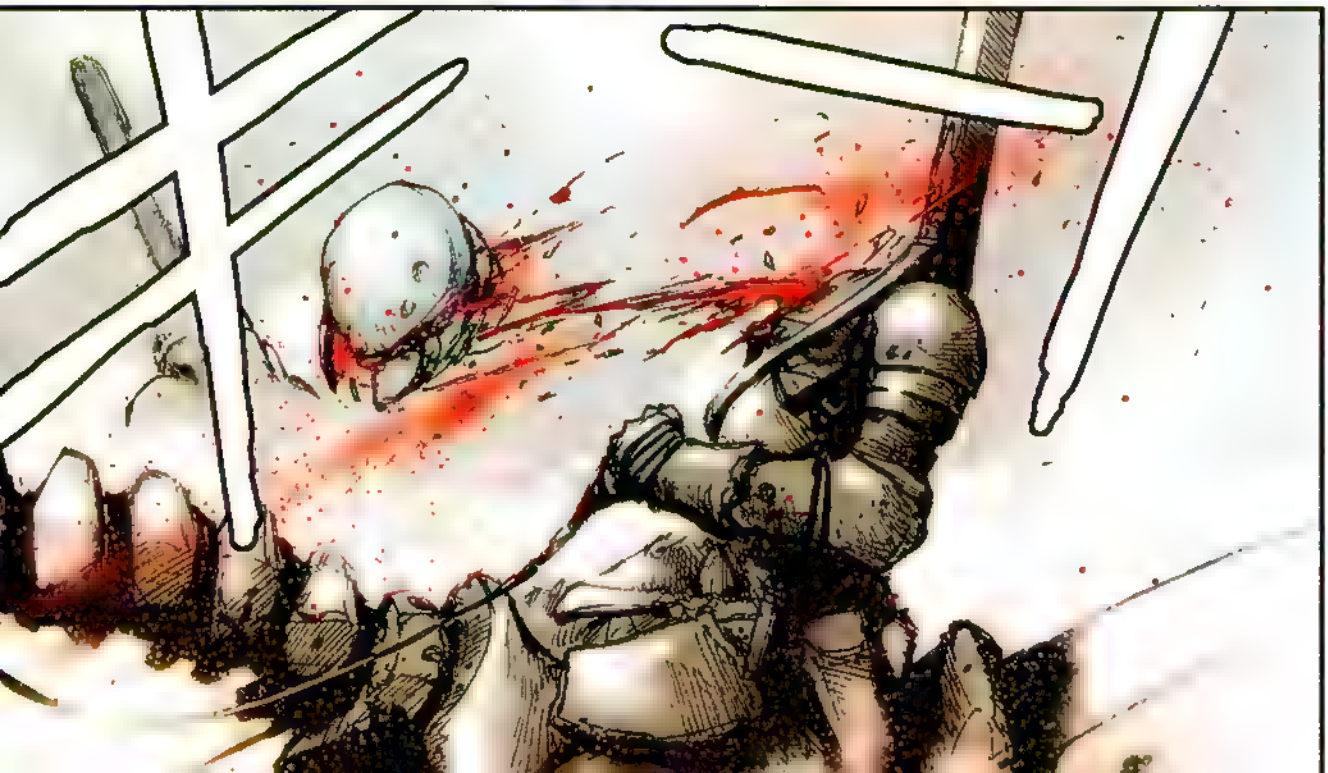


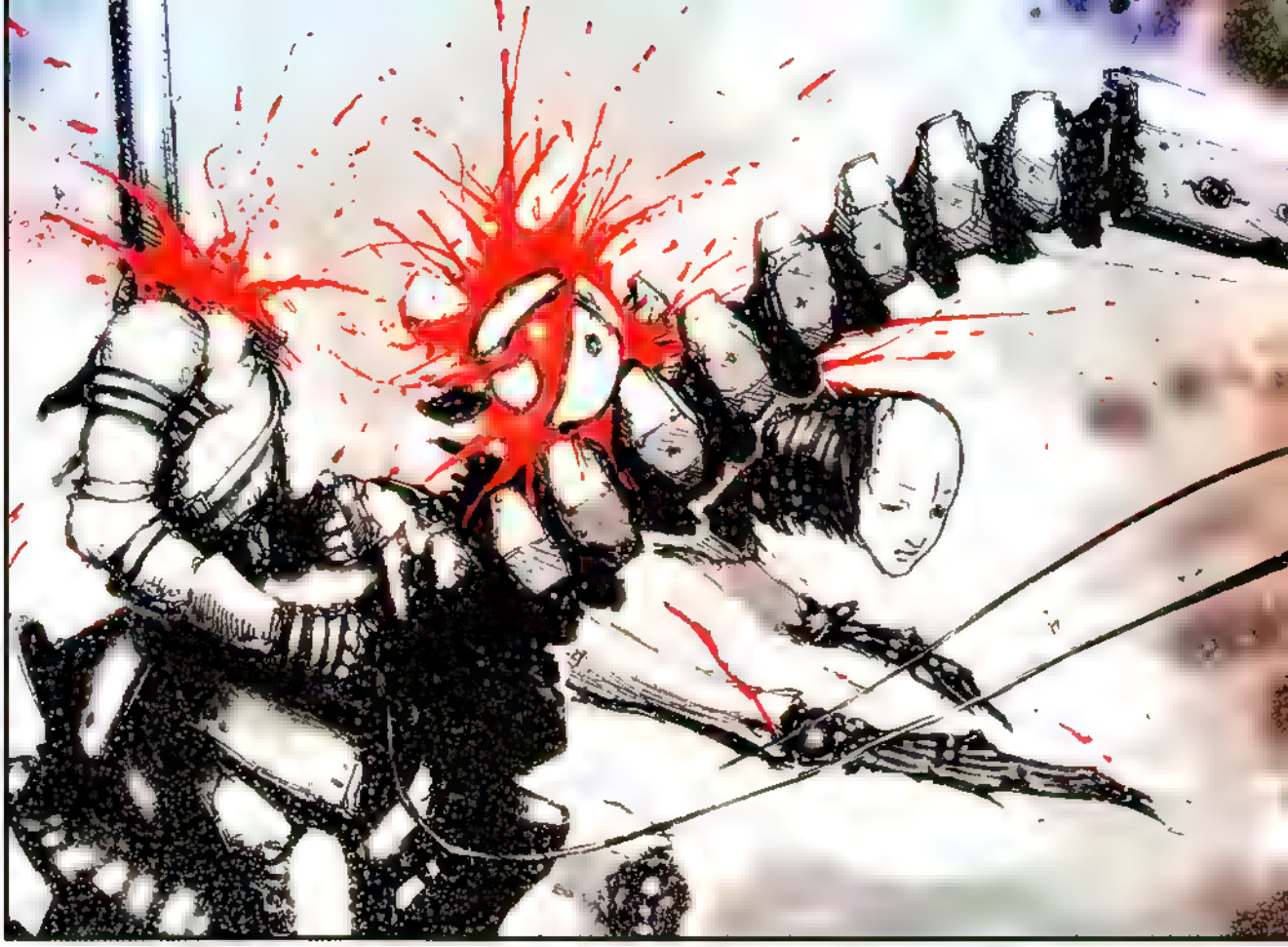
SFX: ZOOM

SFX: POP

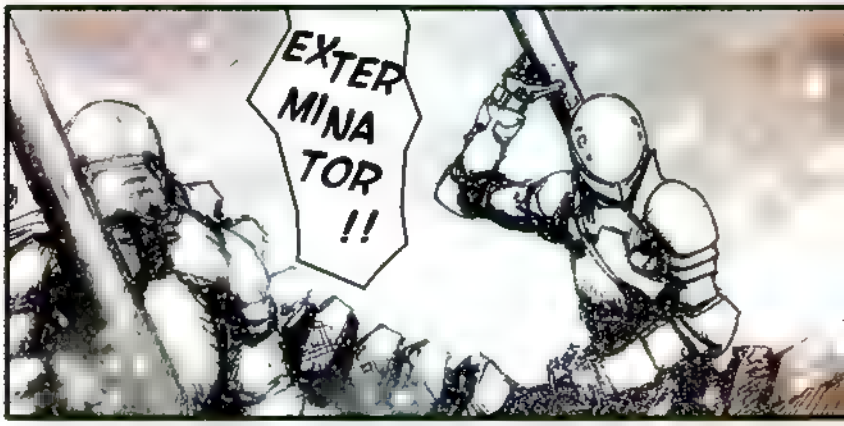

WHA
SFX: SPLAT


SFX: SLICE

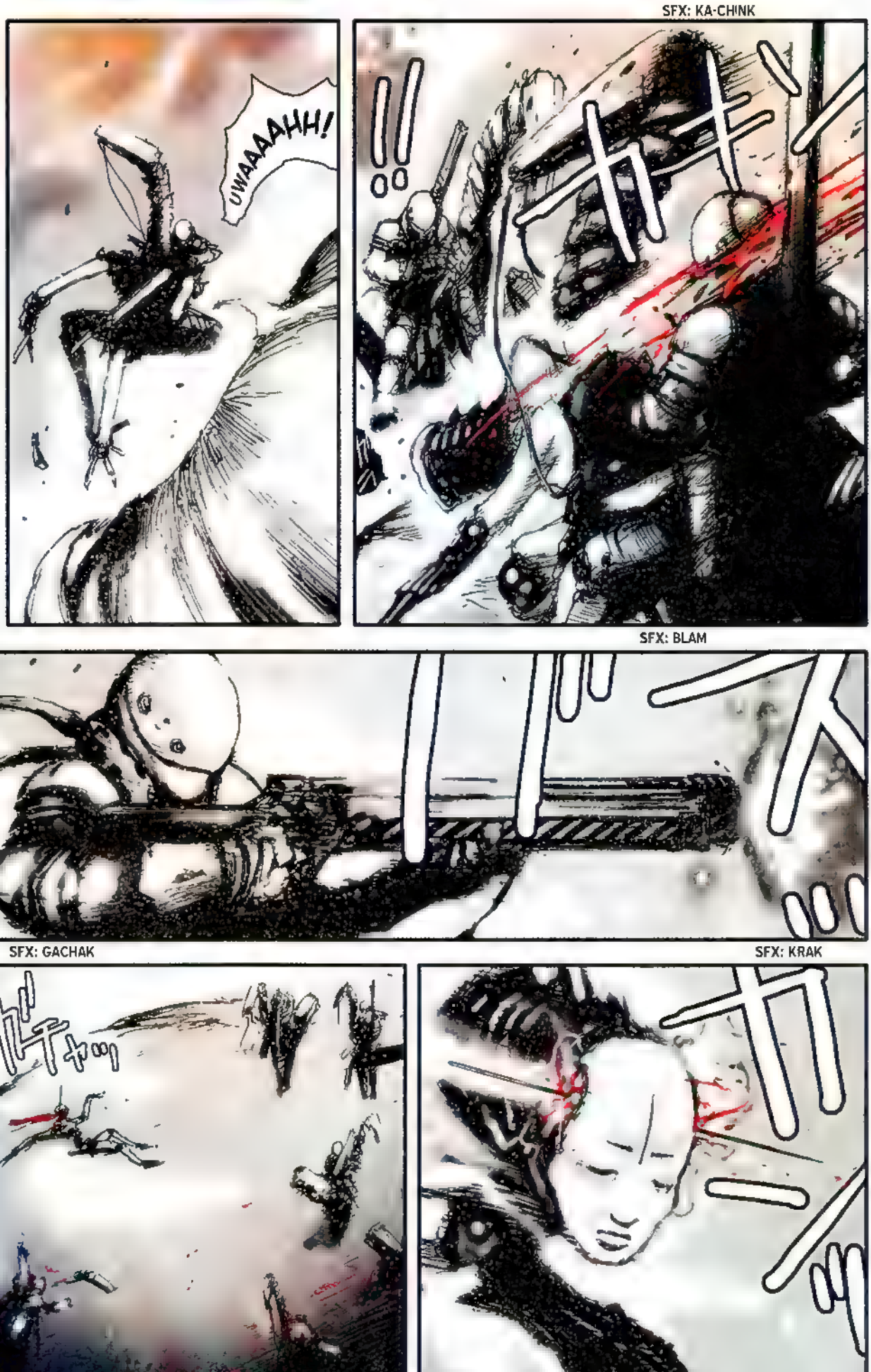


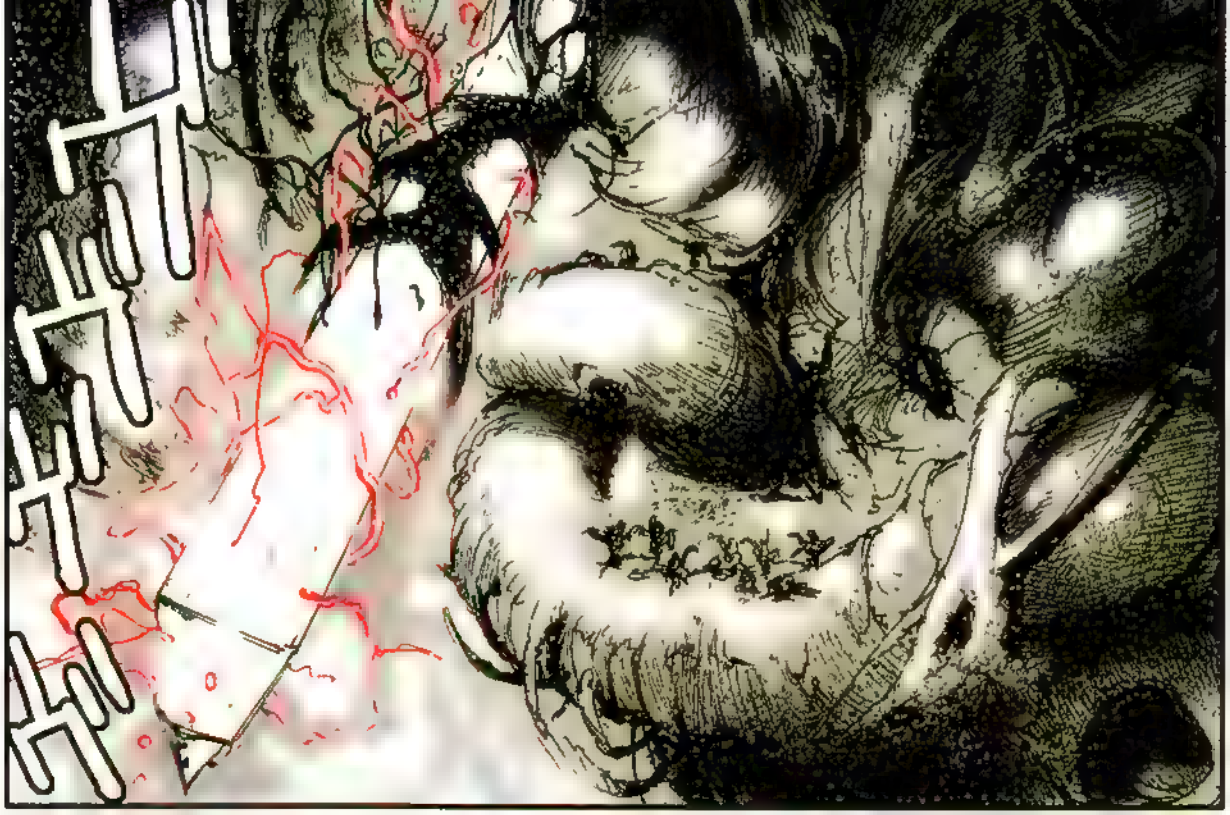


SFX: BOOM



SFX: BASH


SFX: KA-CHINK
UWAAAAHH!
!!
SFX: BLAM
SFX: GACHAK
SFX: KRAK



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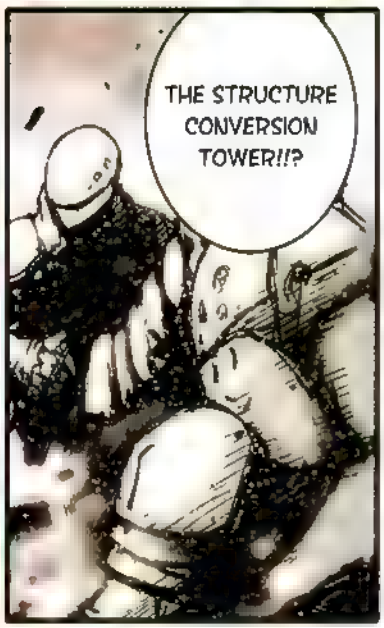

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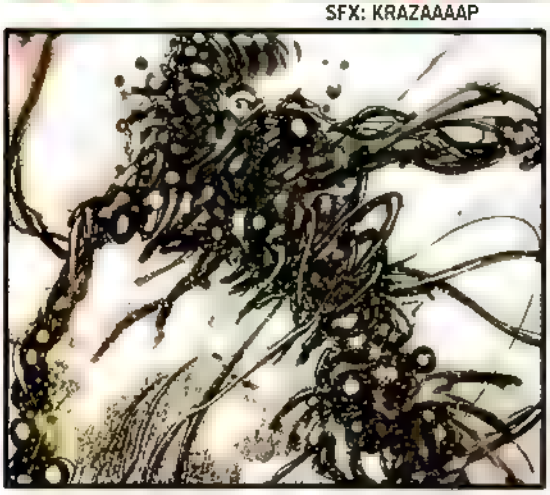
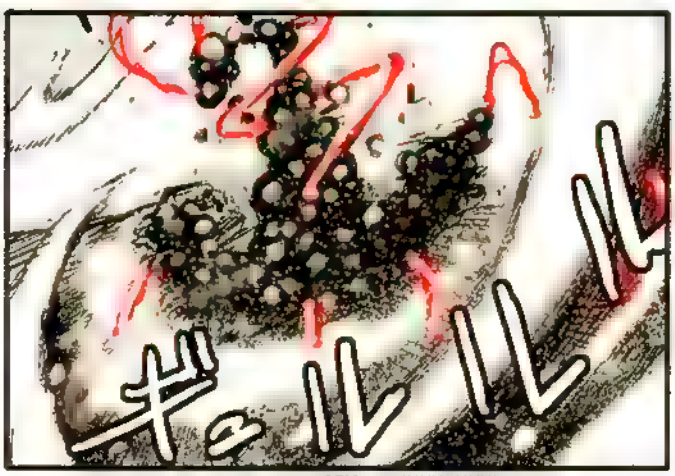
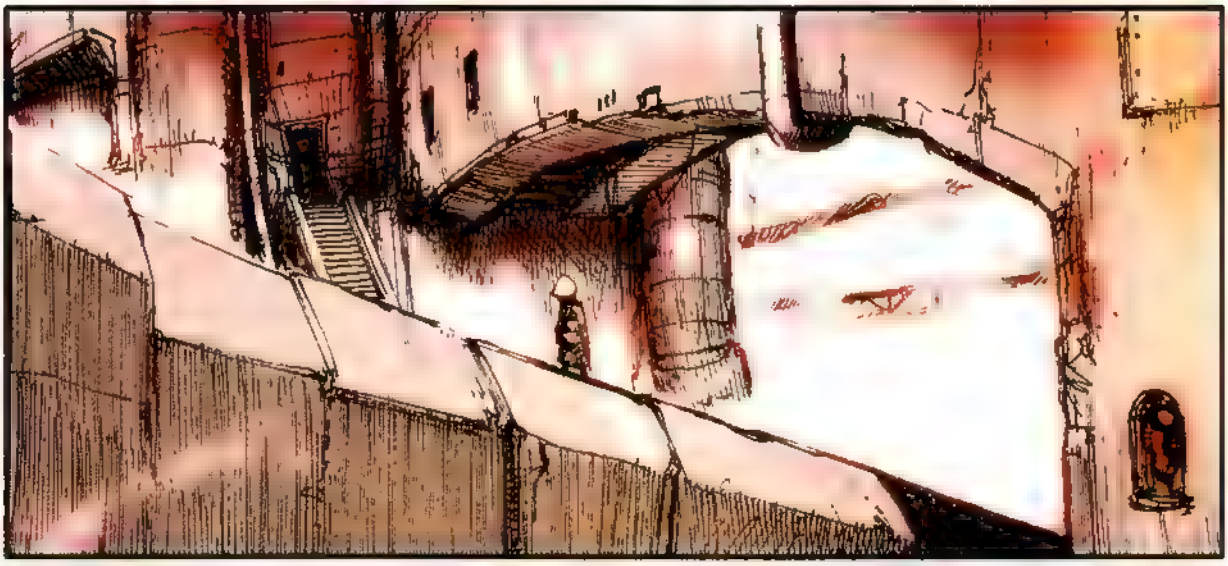


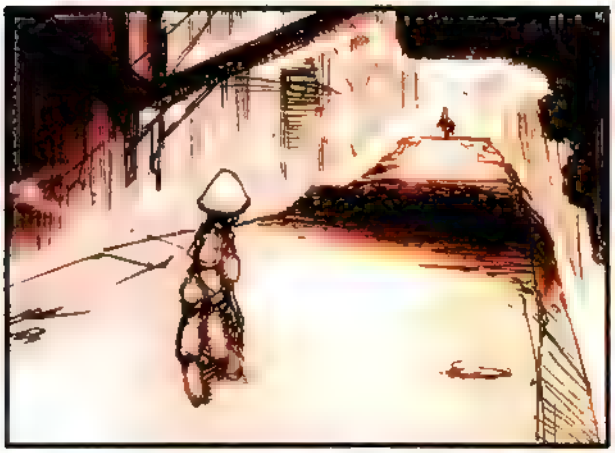


SFX: GRUUUUUUUU

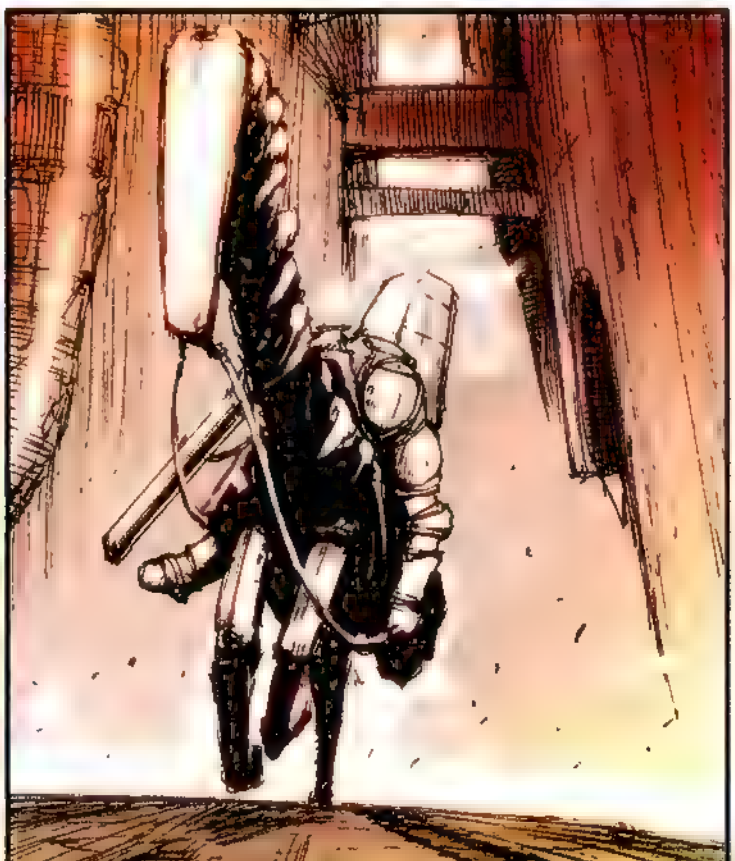
SFX(bottom): GGG...GGG...

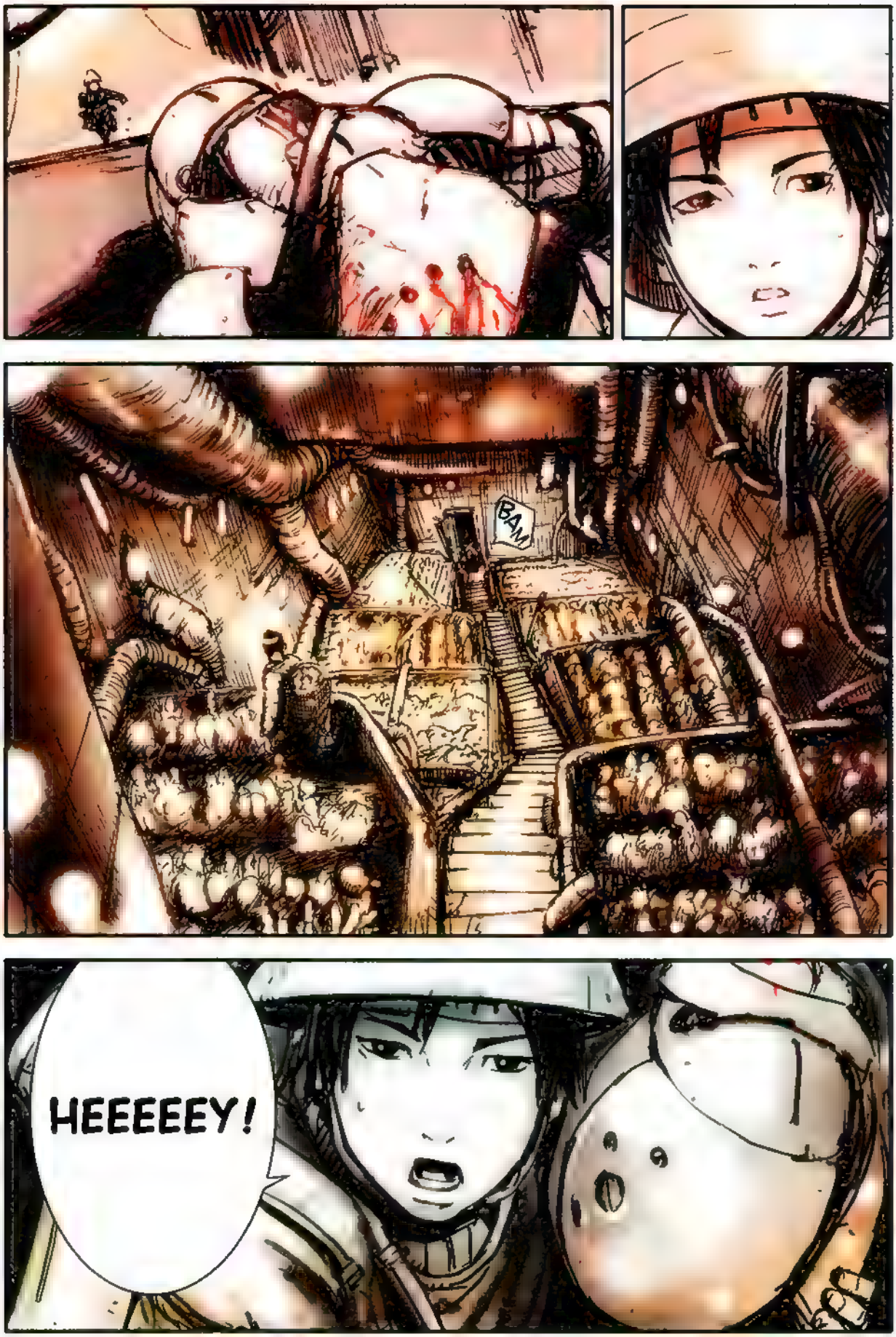
SFX(top): SHOOOOOOOO

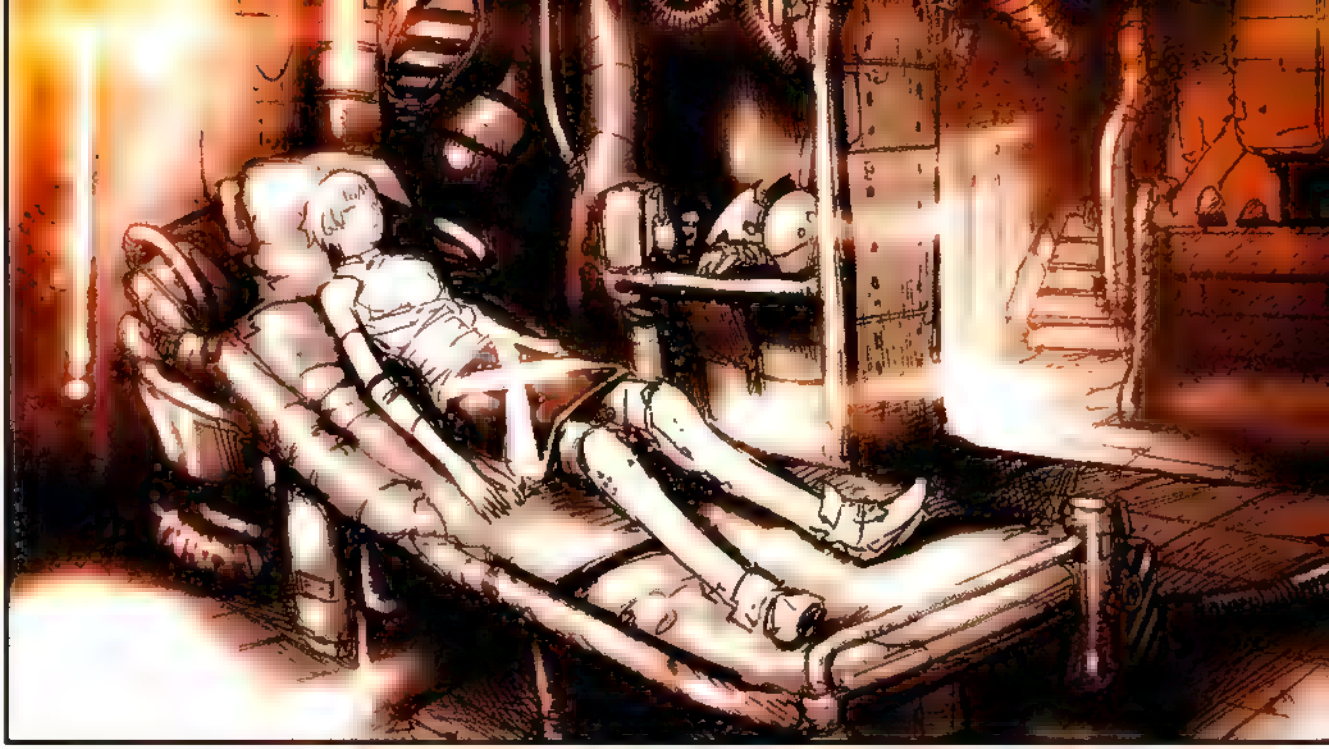


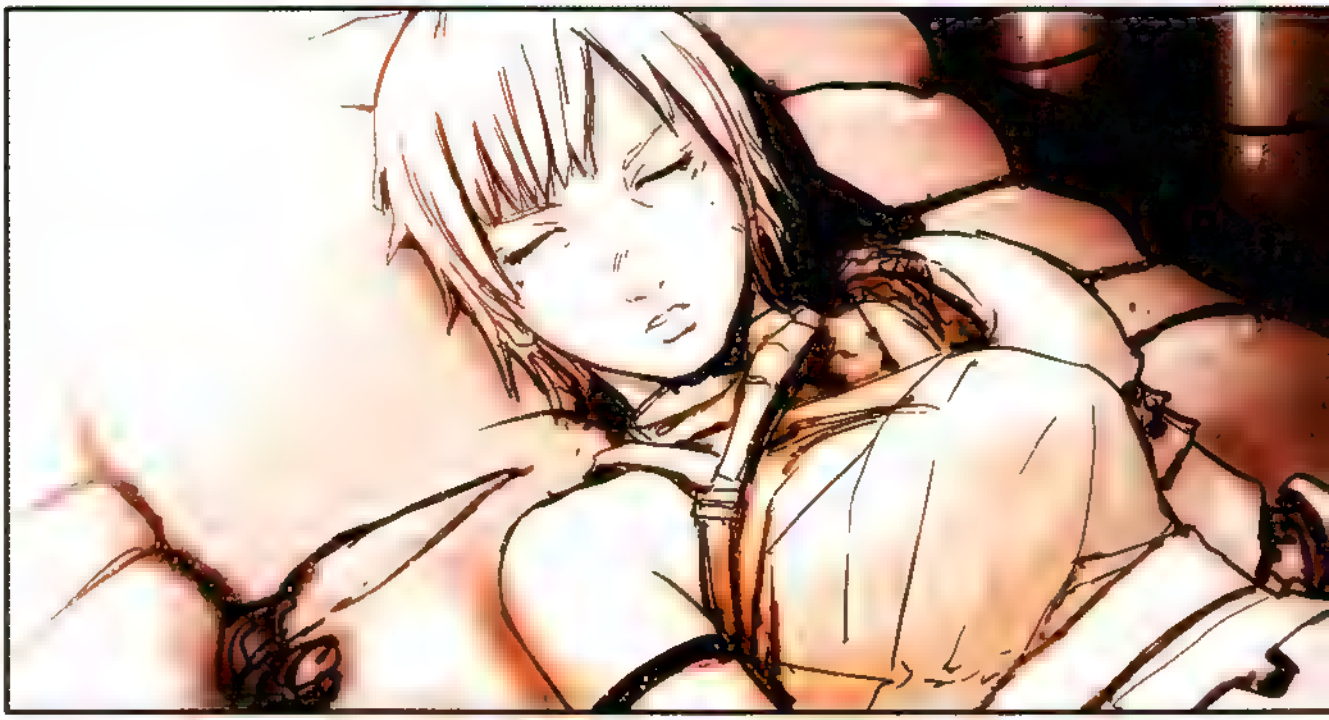


SFX: SMACK




BAM
HEEEEEY!





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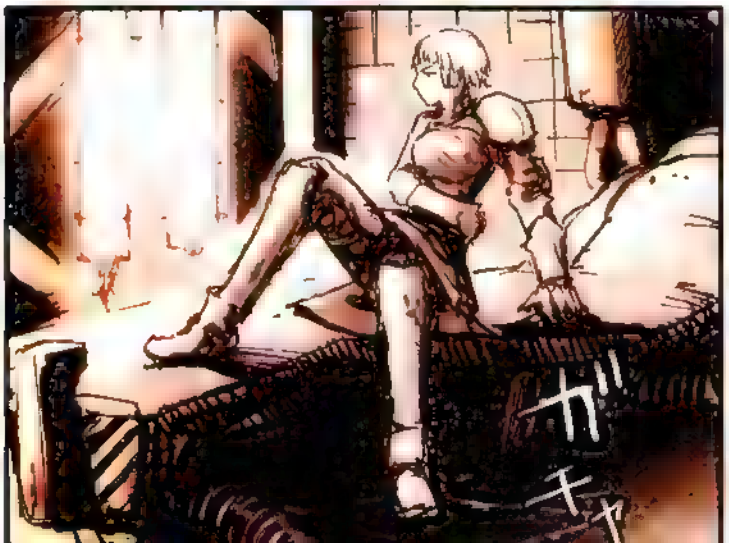
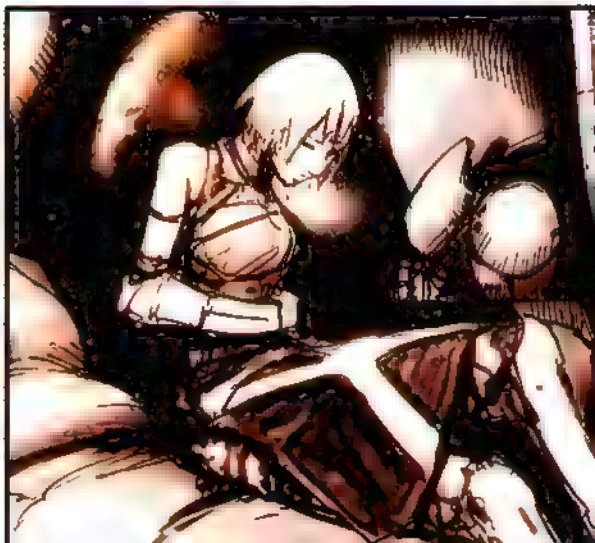
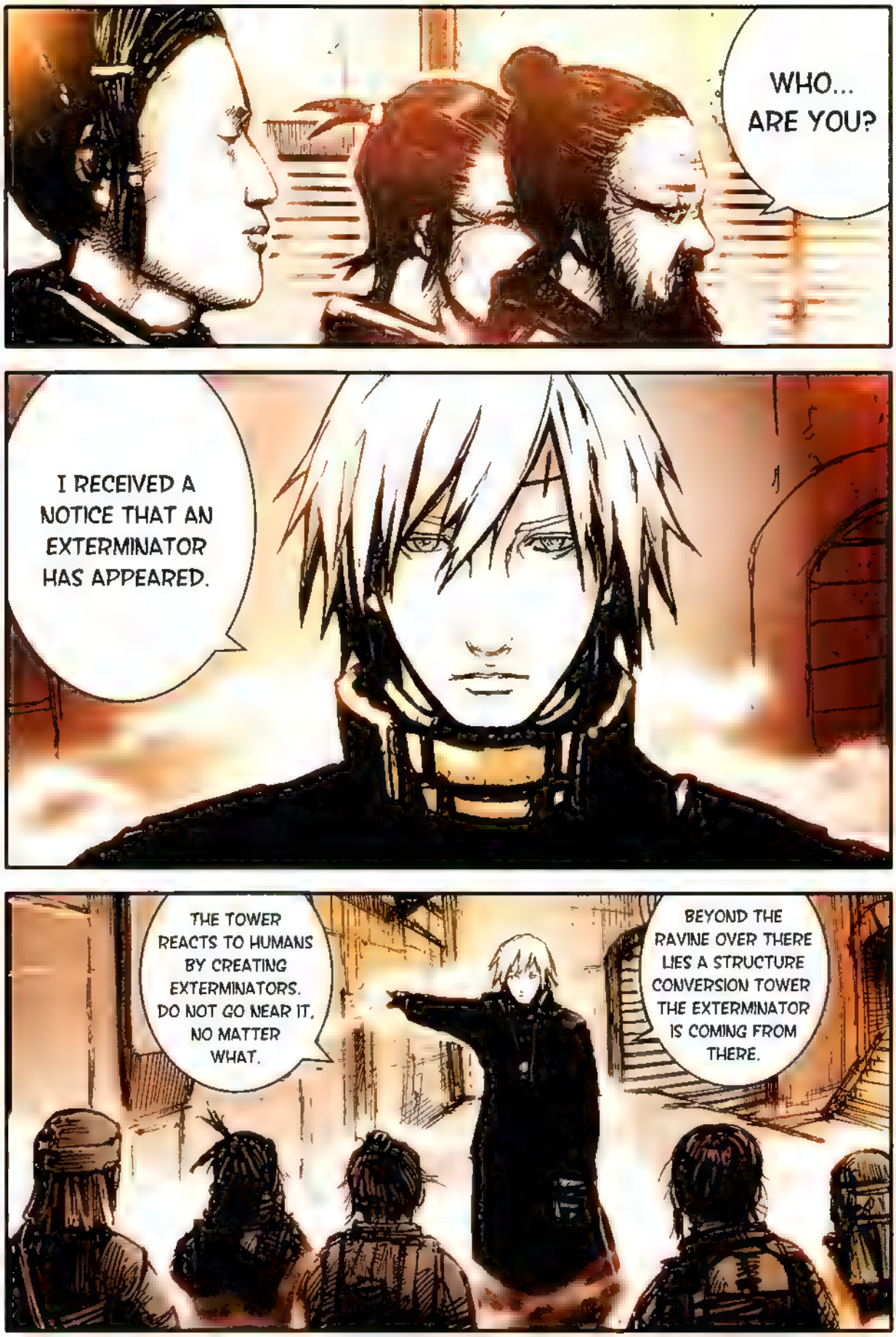




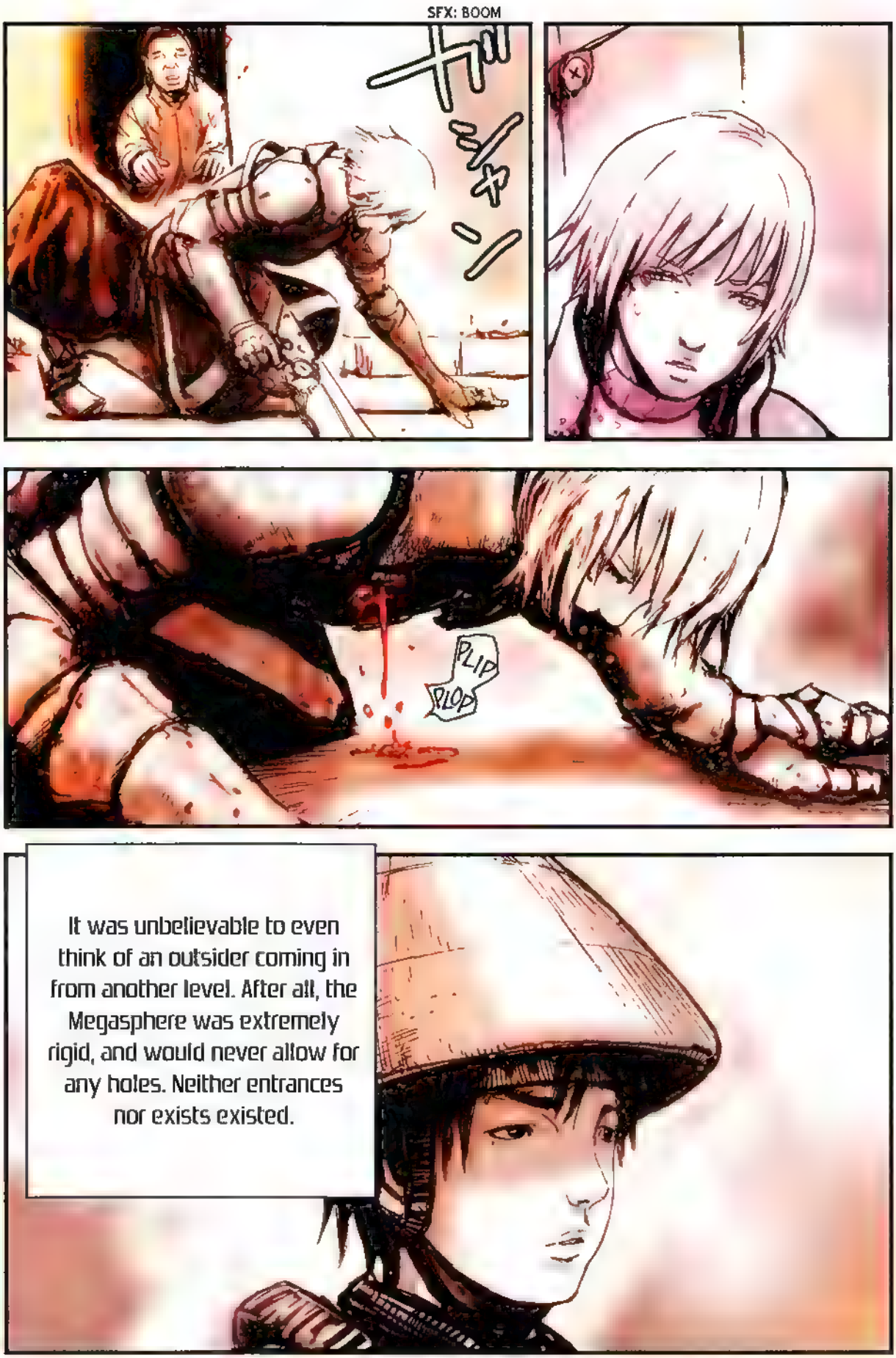
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING'S GOING ON OUTSIDE.
AH, SOLDIER-SAN ARE YOU ALRIGHT NOW?
AN OUT-SIDER HAS ARRIVED


WHO... ARE YOU?
I RECEIVED A NOTICE THAT AN EXTERMINATOR HAS APPEARED.
THE TOWER REACTS TO HUMANS BY CREATING EXTERMINATORS. DO NOT GO NEAR IT, NO MATTER WHAT.
BEYOND THE RAVINE OVER THERE LIES A STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER THE EXTERMINATOR IS COMING FROM THERE.

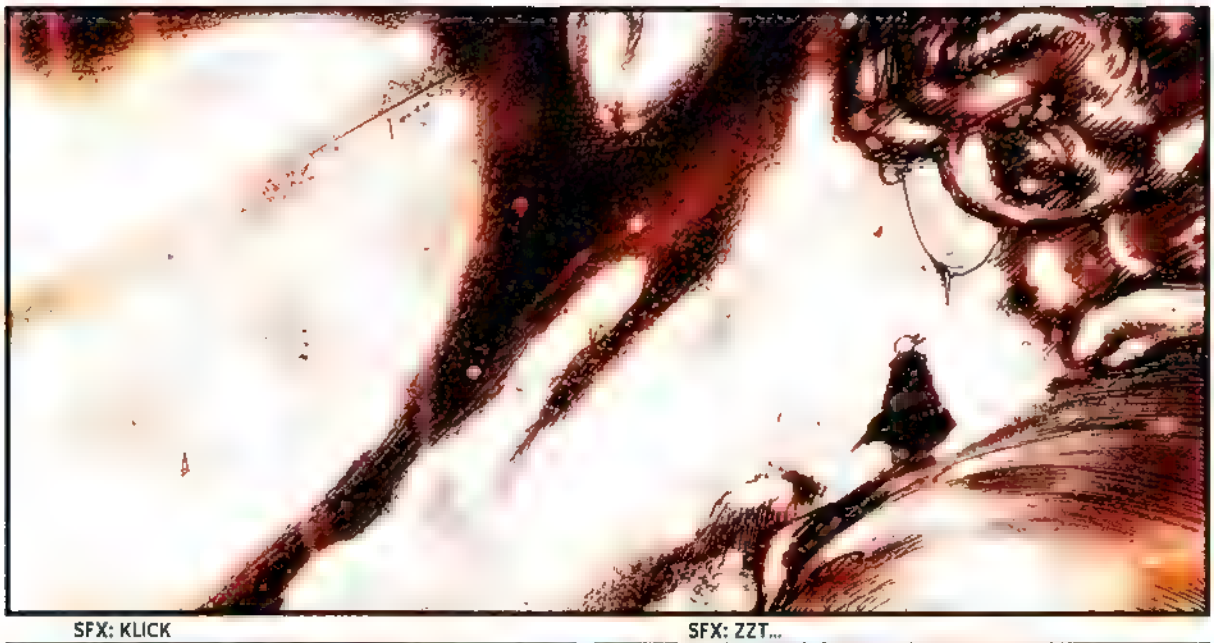
WAAAAIT!!
KEEP EVERYONE INSIDE HERE FOR A WHILE.
I AM GOING TO DISMANTLE THE TOWER RIGHT NOW
SFX: STOMP
JUST WHO THE HELL *ARE* YOU, ANYWAY!?
DISMANTLE!?
A DISMANTLER.

UNAUTHORIZED ACTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!
THIS ENTIRE LEVEL IS UNDER THE CENTER'S JURISDICTION!!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU HAVE SOME PRETTY NICE EQUIPMENT THERE
DOES SUCH A THING EVEN EXIST IN THIS PLACE?
CENTER?
I'VE SEEN NUMEROUS LEVELS FALL INTO RUIN JUST BY TAMPERING WITH CITY ARTIFACTS.
BUT IF YOU'RE THINKING OF TRYING TO UTILIZE THE TOWER, FORGET ABOUT IT.

DON'T LAY A FINGER ON NETSPHERE RELICS.
CIVILIZATION HAS JUST STARTED TO DEVELOP, SO TAKE BETTER CARE OF IT
HOW DARE YOU..
SFX: CHAK
STOP RIGHT THERE !!

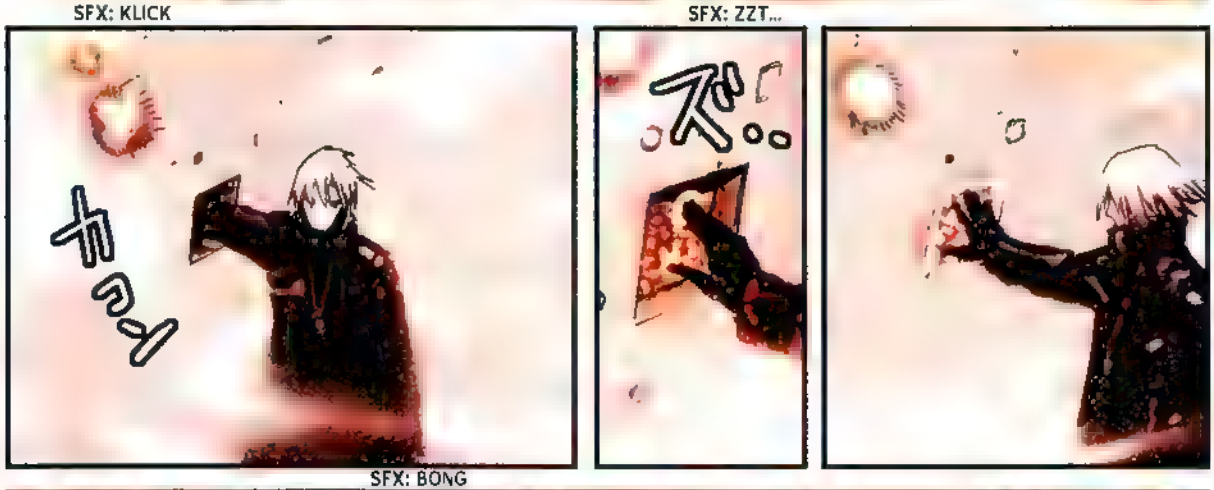

SFX: BOOM
PLIP
PLOP
It was unbelievable to even think of an outsider coming in from another level. After all, the Megasphere was extremely rigid, and would never allow for any holes. Neither entrances nor exists existed.

SFX: KLINK

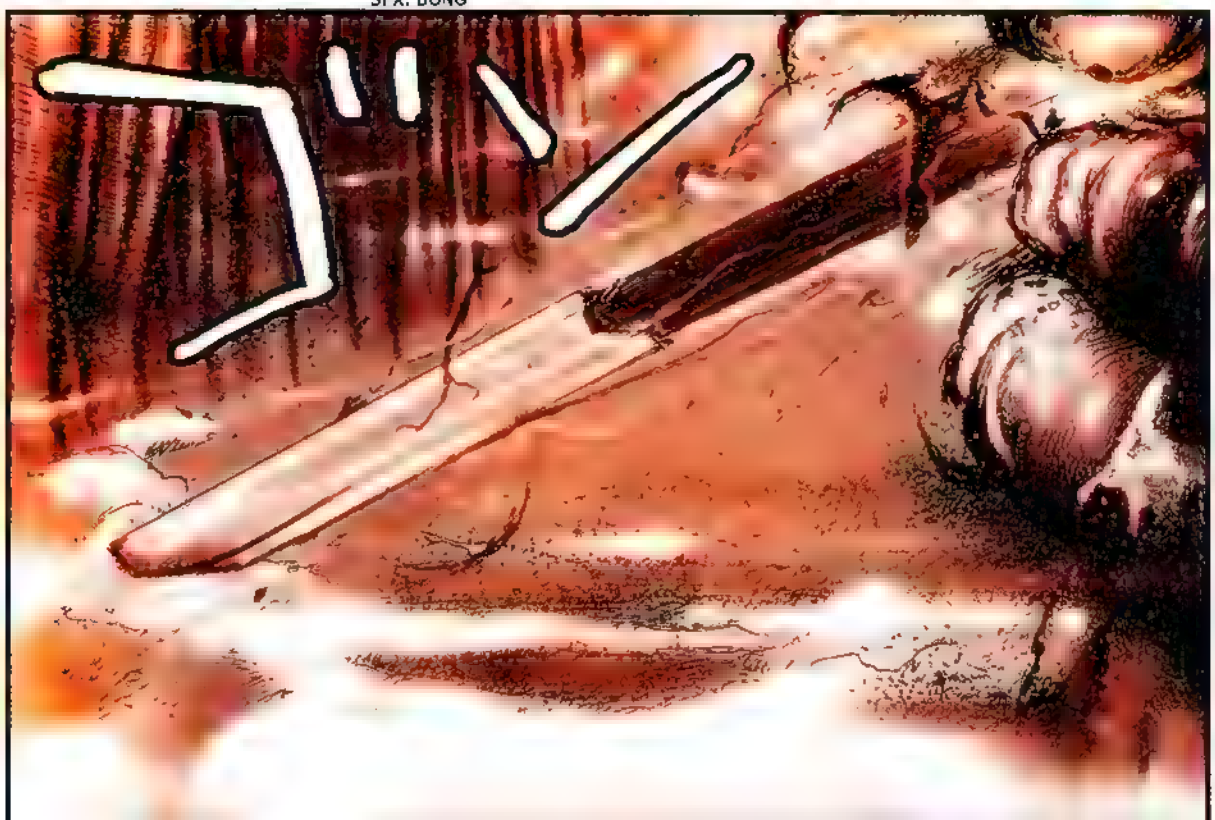


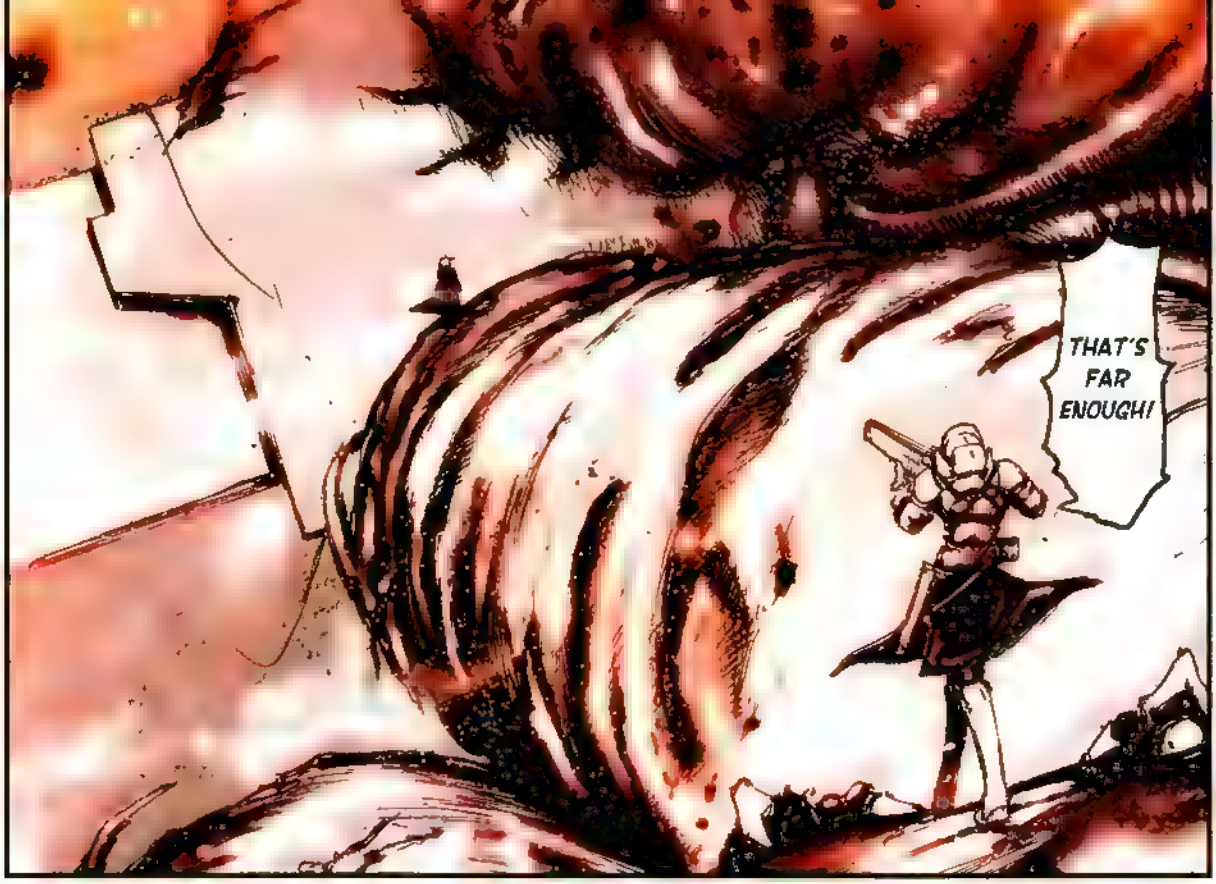
SFX: KLICK

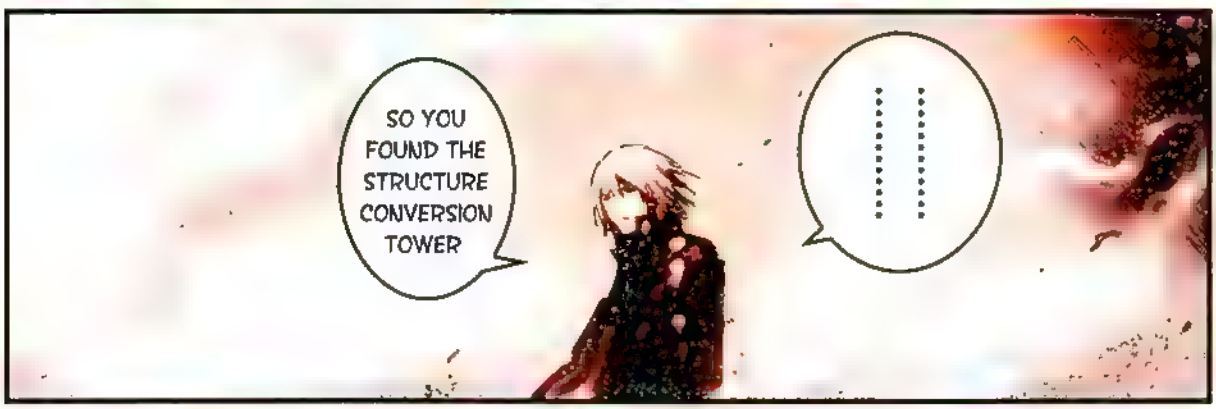
SFX: ZZT...



SFX: BONG




THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!


SO YOU FOUND THE STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER
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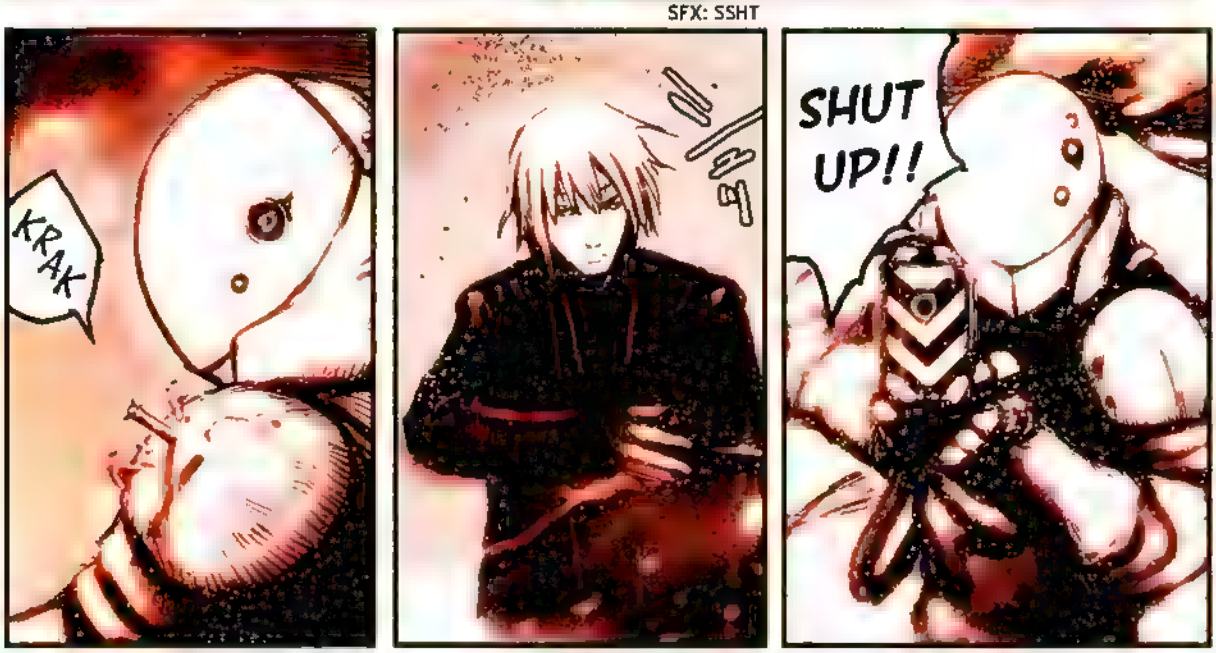
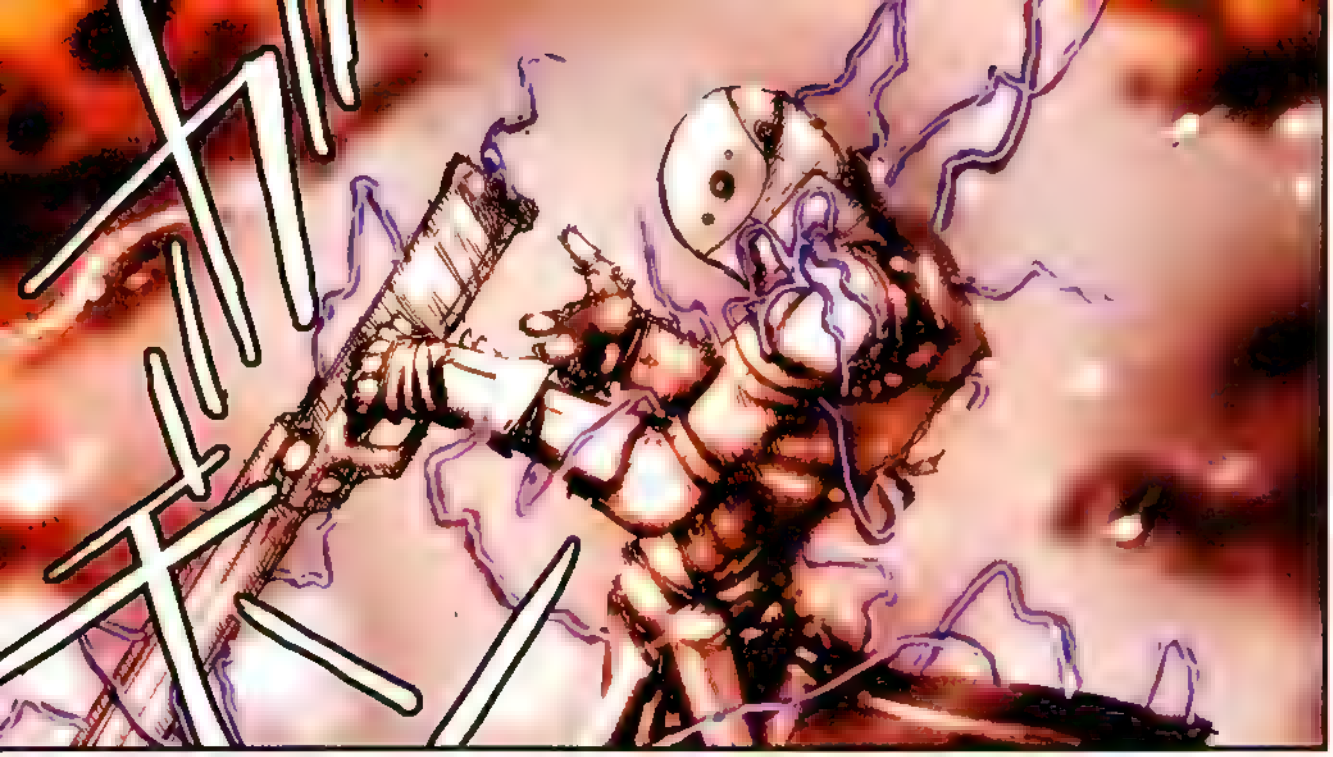
SFX: SSHT


KRAK
SHUT UP!!

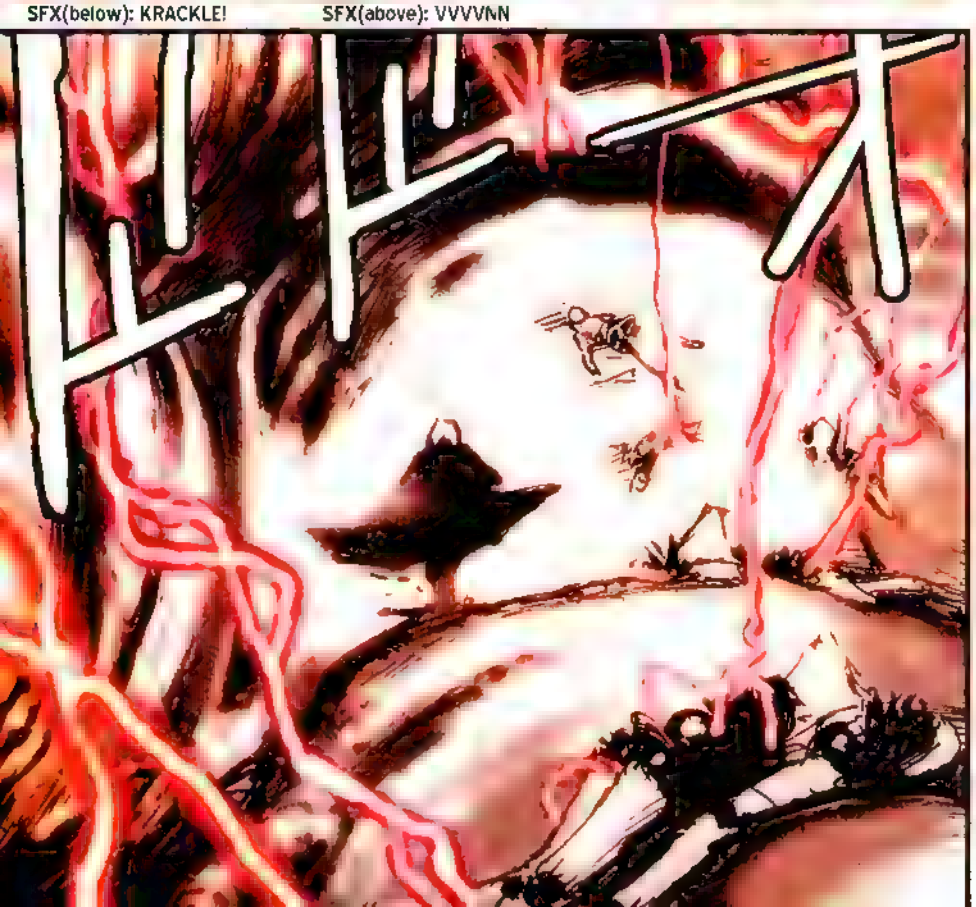


SFX: CRACKLE

SFX(below): KRACKLE!

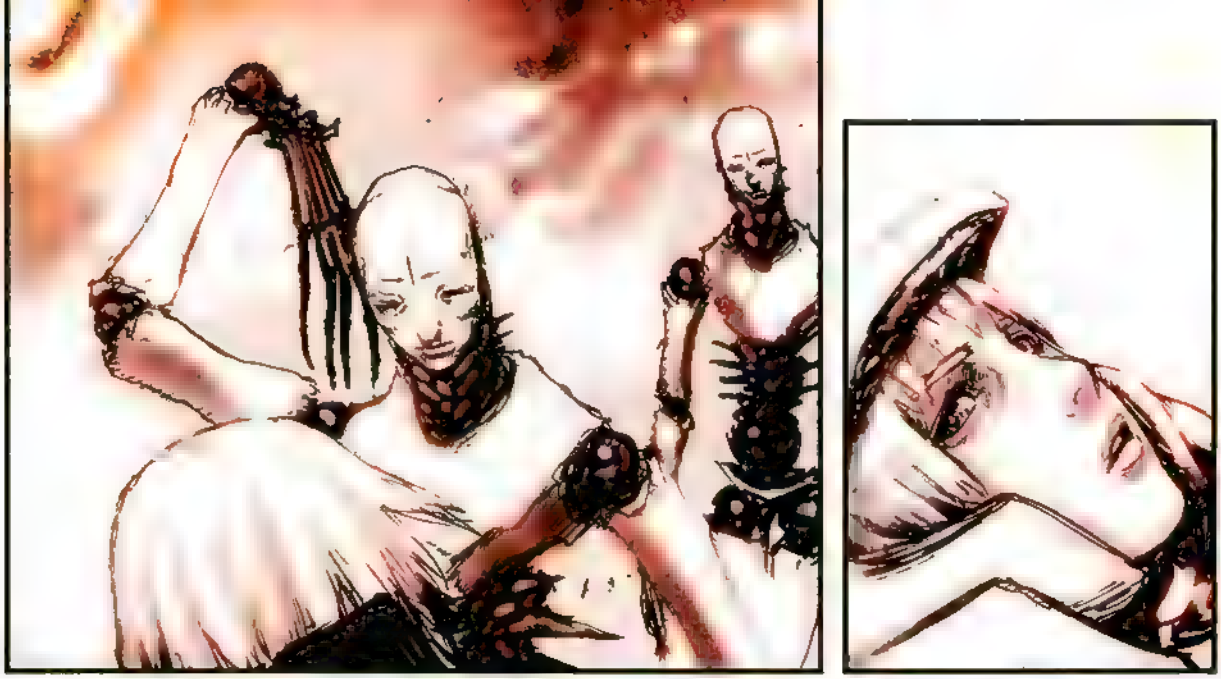
SFX(above): VVVVNN

SFX: THUNK



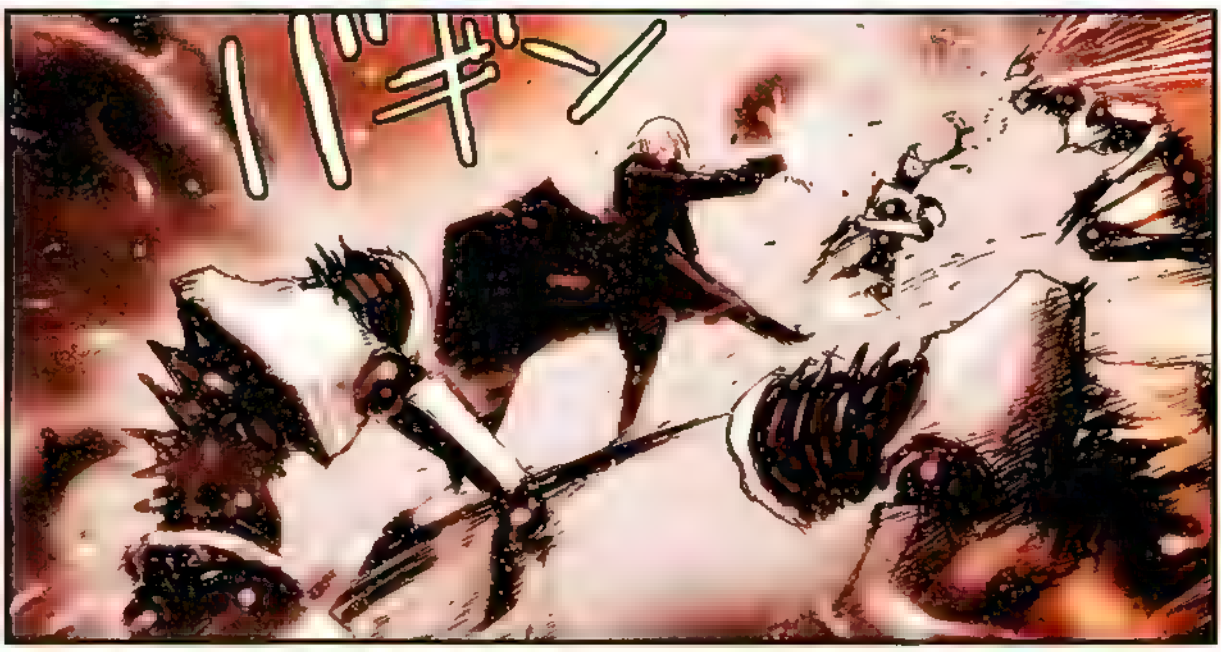
SFX: FZZT

PUT THIS ON. IF YOU HAVE FORTUNE, YOU WILL SURVIVE.
WHAT DID YOU DO!?
MY SUIT WON'T MOVE!!
.....!?
?
AND DON'T MAKE A SOUND, EITHER
DON'T MOVE



SFX: BLAM

SFX: BA-KINK

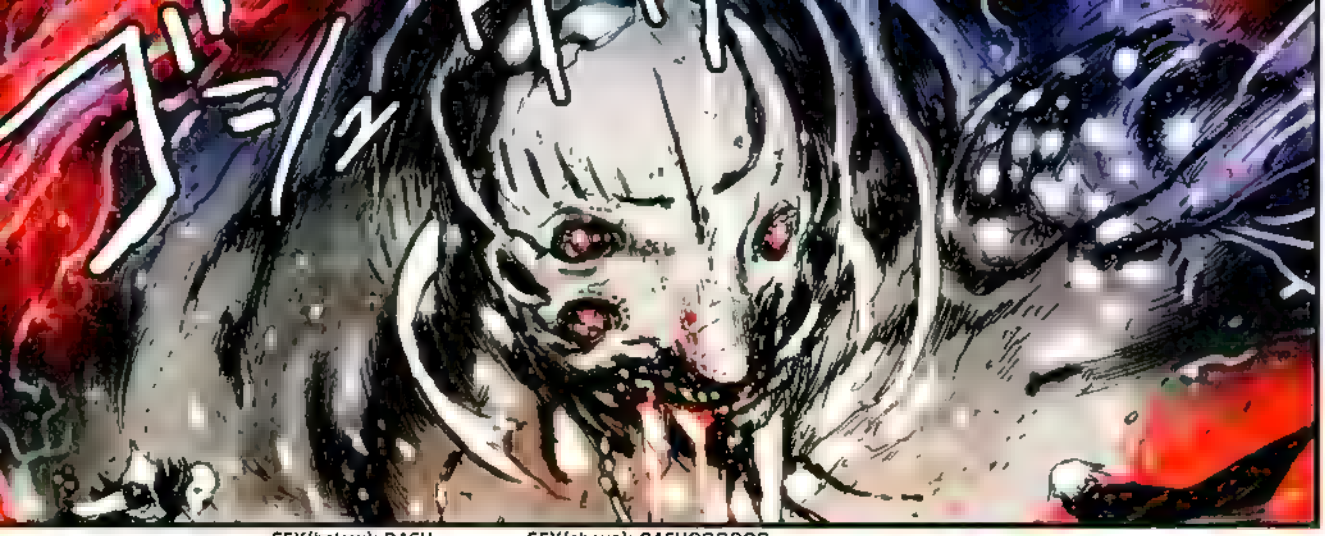


SFX: DOSHOOOOOOOOOO

SFX: GRRUUUUUUUU

SFX: RUMBLE

SFX: THWACK



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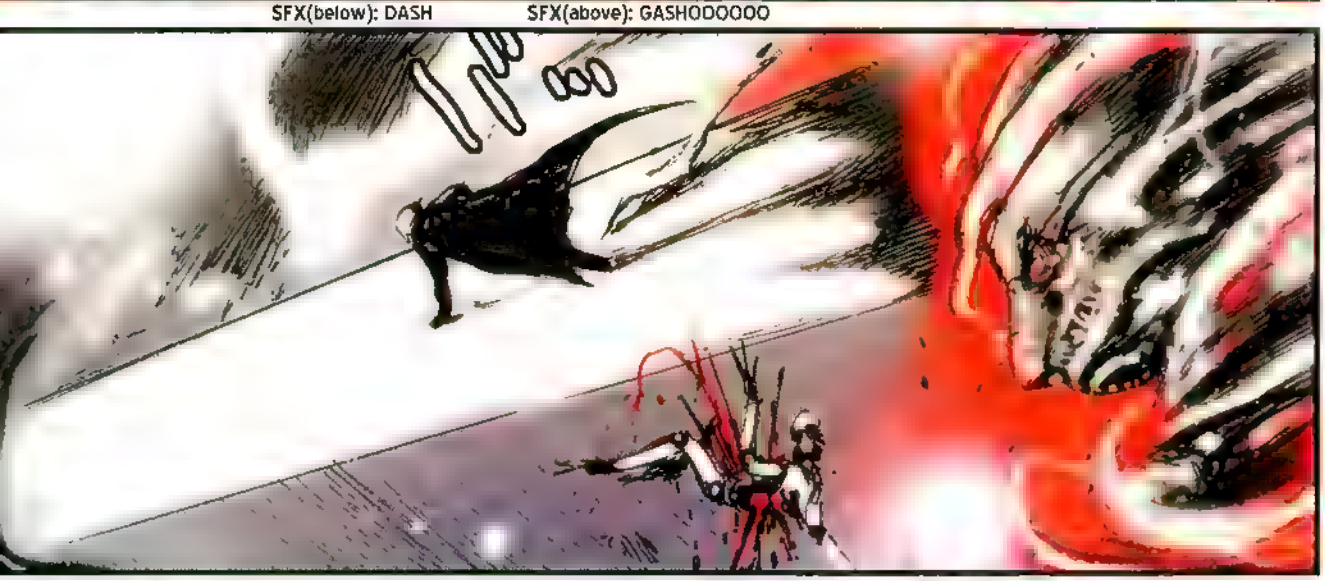

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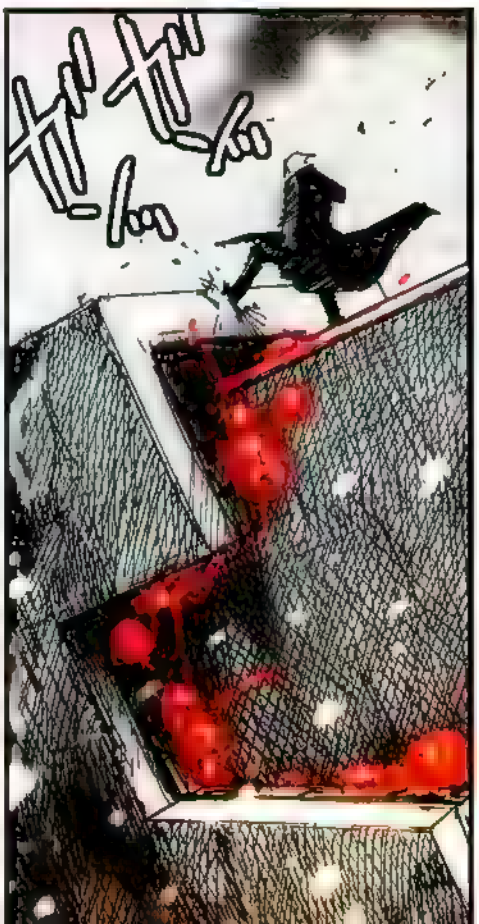

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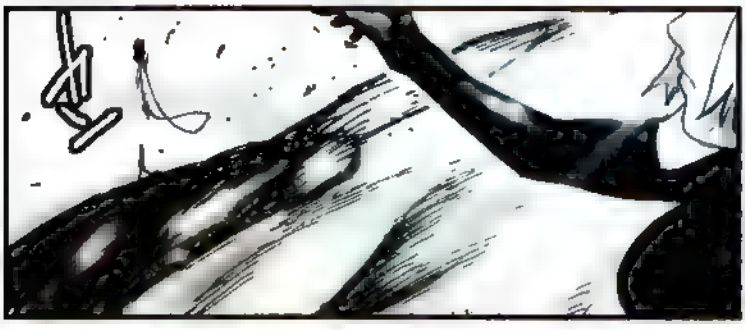

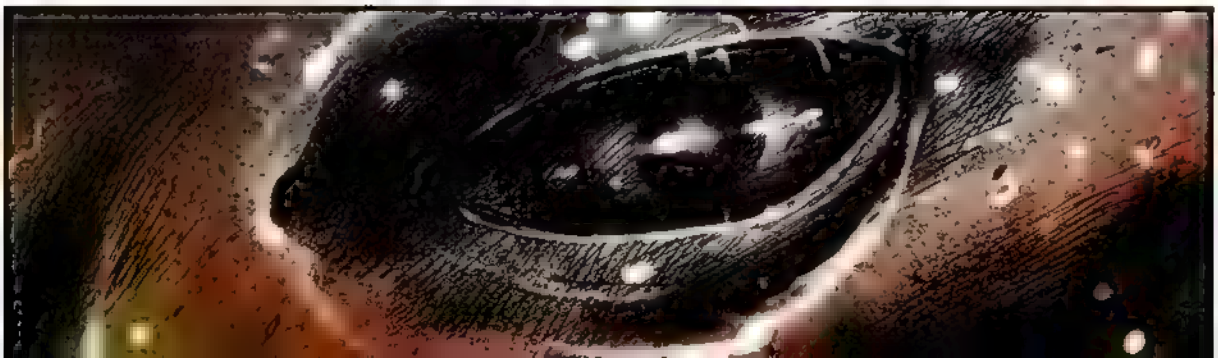

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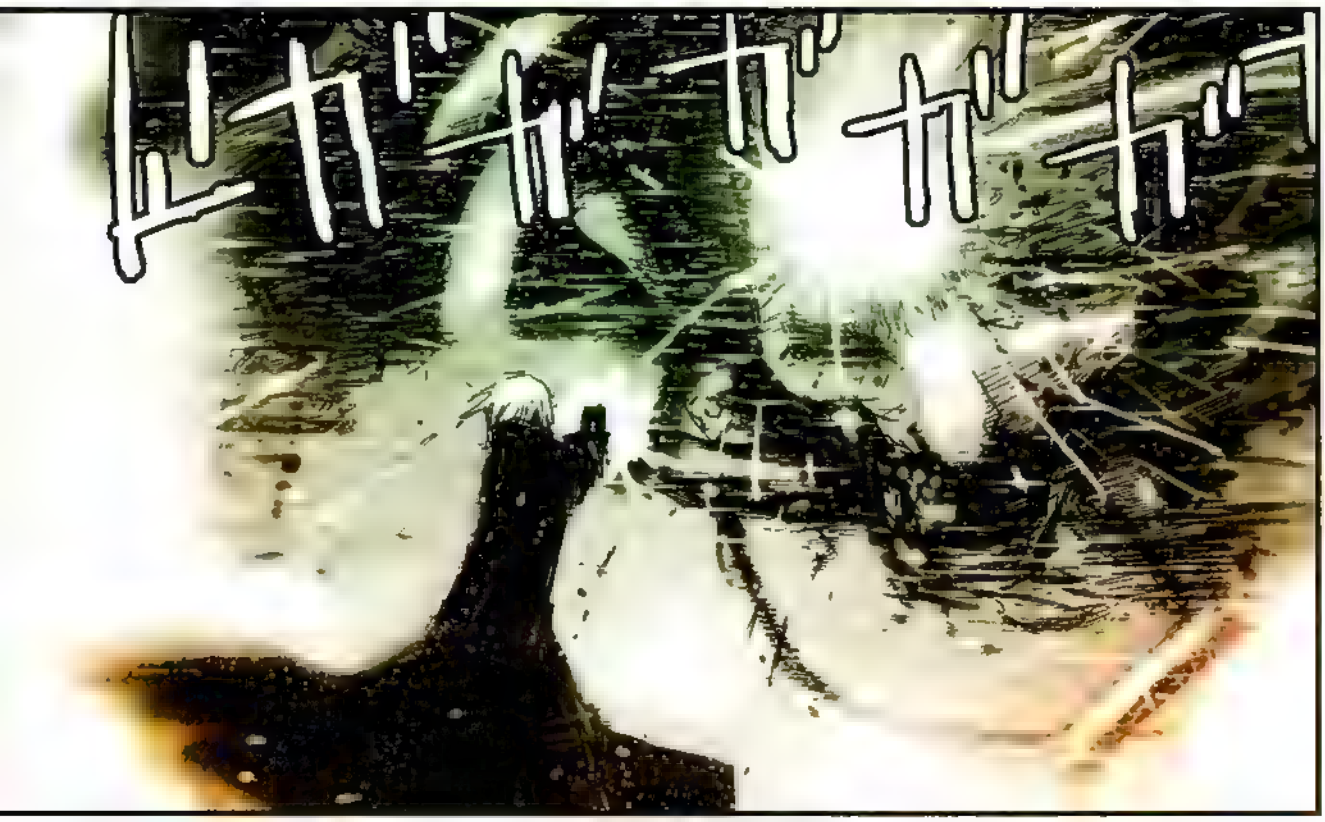
SFX: BLAM BLAM BLAM

SFX: BA-KINK BA-KINK BA-KINK



SFX: BAMBAMBAMBAMBAM

SFX: BA-KINK BA-KINK BA-KINK

SFX: BAMBAMBAMBAMBAMBAMBAM

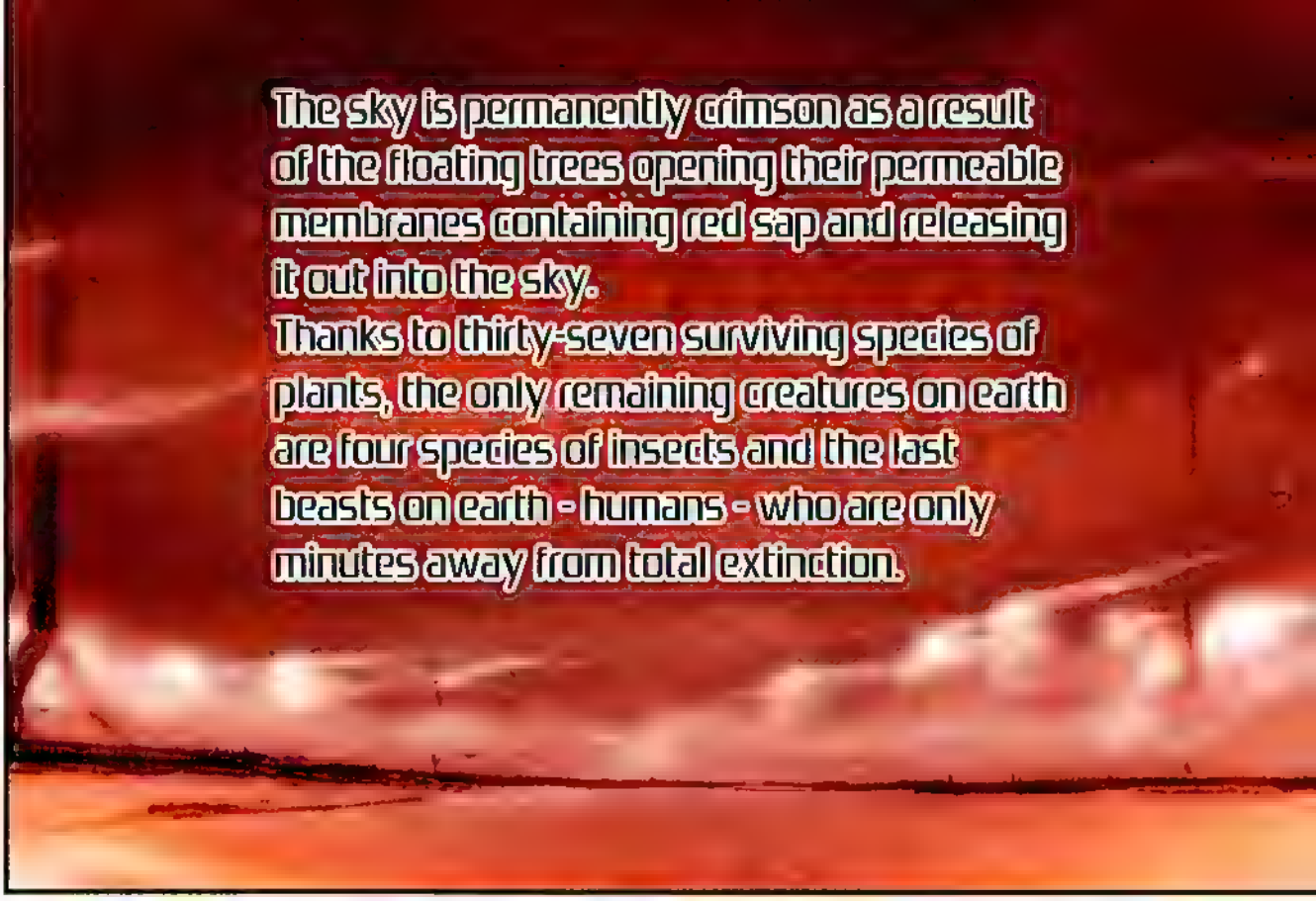
SFX: BOOOOM

I'm not quite sure what exactly happened at that unlucky place, but the structure conversion tower was eventually dismantled. Afterwards, the Exterminator stopped appearing.

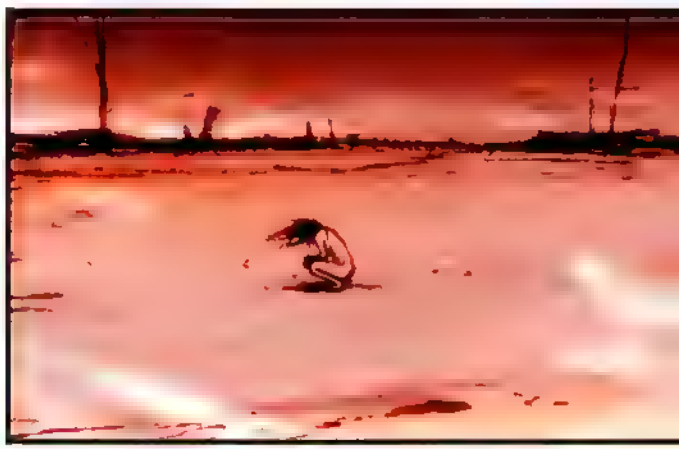
Years later, rumors that someone from the Center had discovered an entrance to the Megastructure began to spread, but apparently no one could find a way to open it.

06
NETSPHERE ENGINEER END

07
PUMP

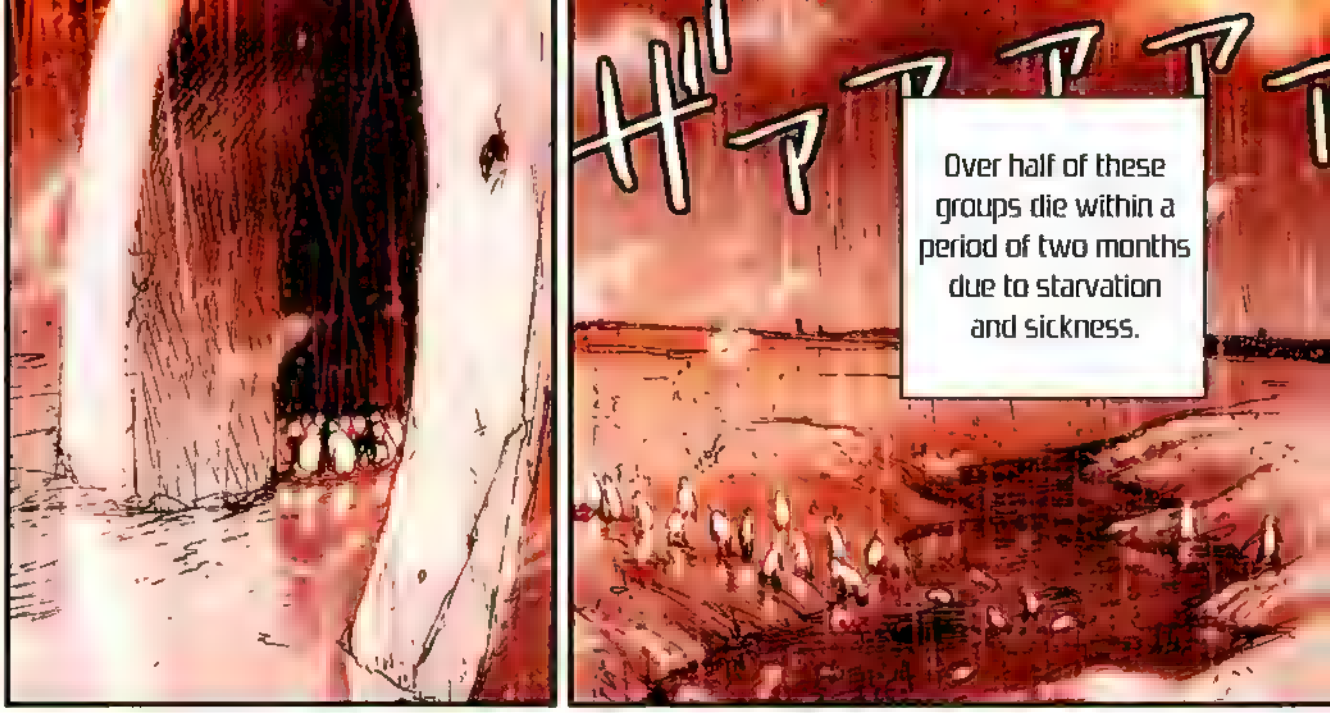

The sky is permanently crimson as a result of the floating trees opening their permeable membranes containing red sap and releasing it out into the sky.
Thanks to thirty-seven surviving species of plants, the only remaining creatures on earth are four species of insects and the last beasts on earth - humans - who are only minutes away from total extinction.

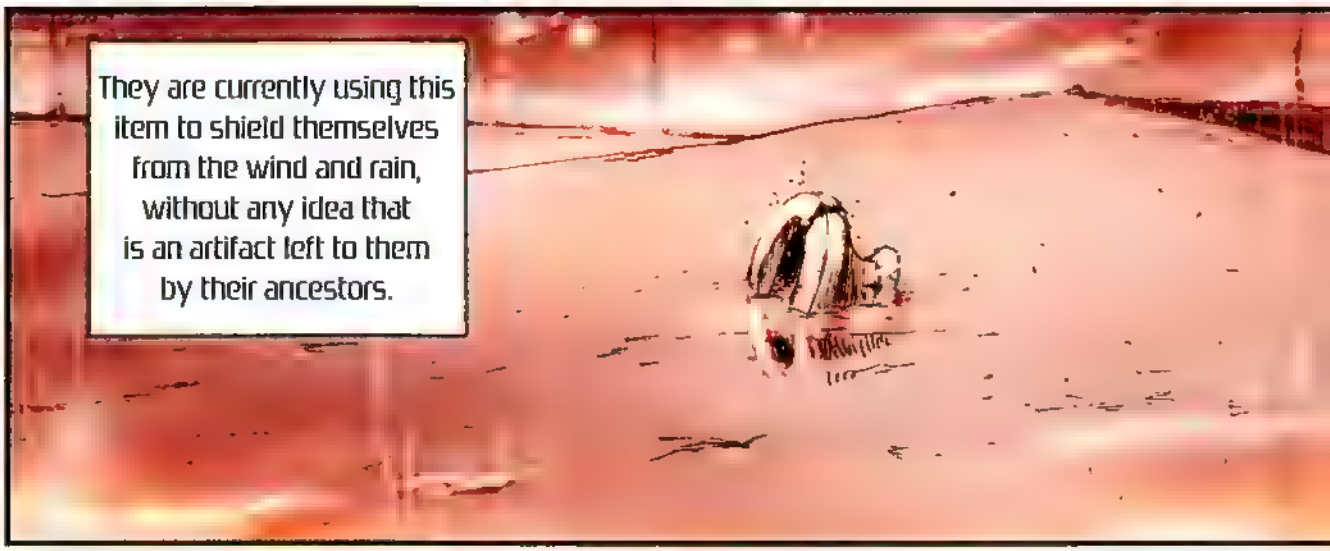
SFX: WHOOOOSH

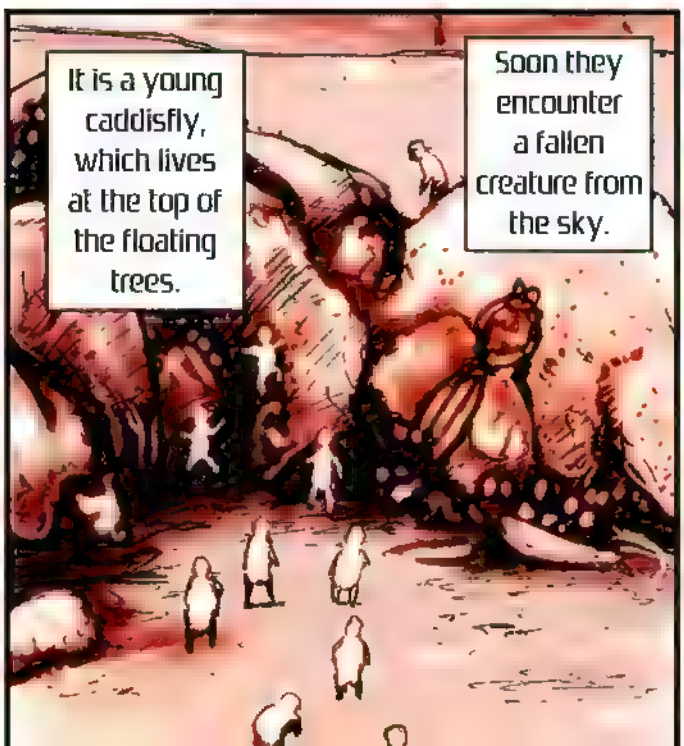


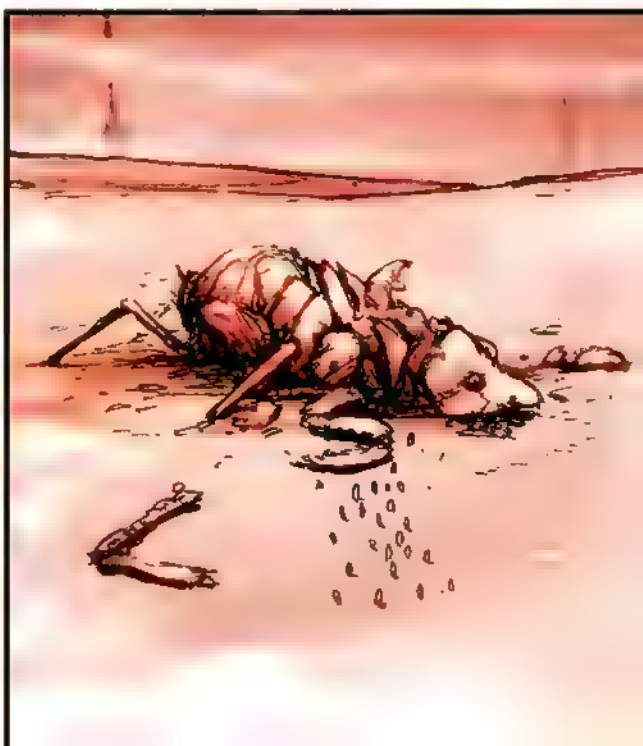
In this time period, the average body size of a human female is 5mmm, and it unknowingly gives birth to 100-150 children at once.

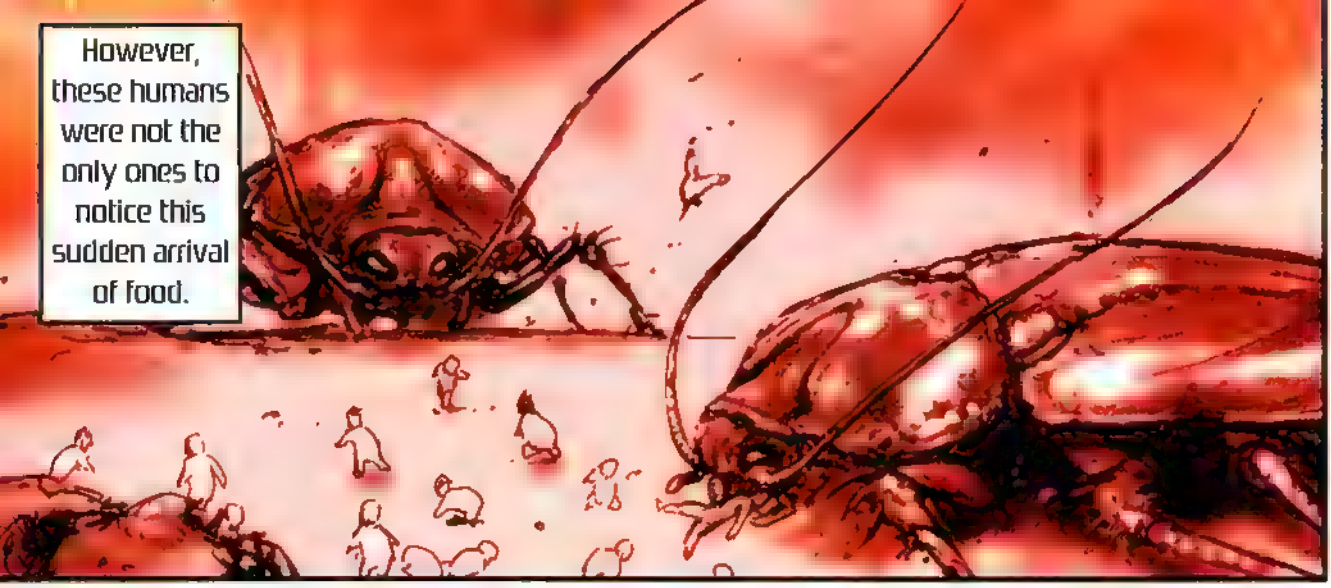
The ratio of female to male babies is only one to ten, but they quickly surpass their brothers and eventually come to prey on them.
After birth, the newborn children feast on their mother's excretion in order to grow.
At this point, males form two or three groups and act separately from their sisters.
Their main food source is moss from tree roots that have pierced through the ground, but it is scarce.
It is not uncommon for a group to perish due to being unable to find any food at all.

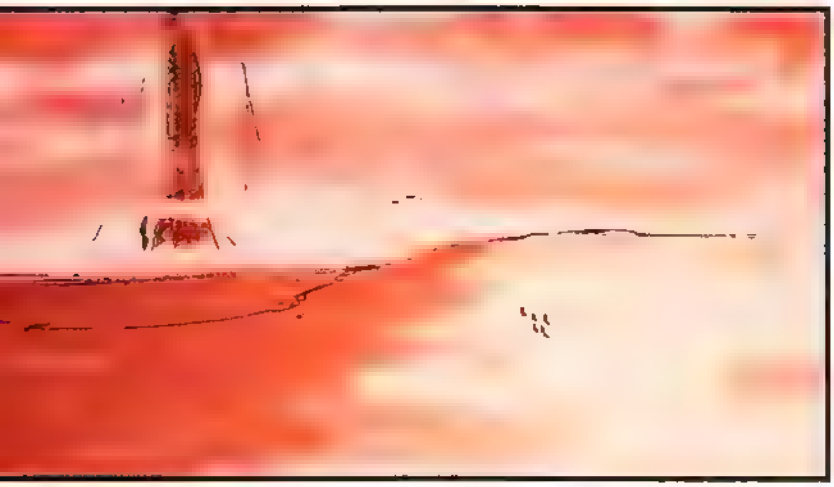

Over half of these groups die within a period of two months due to starvation and sickness.

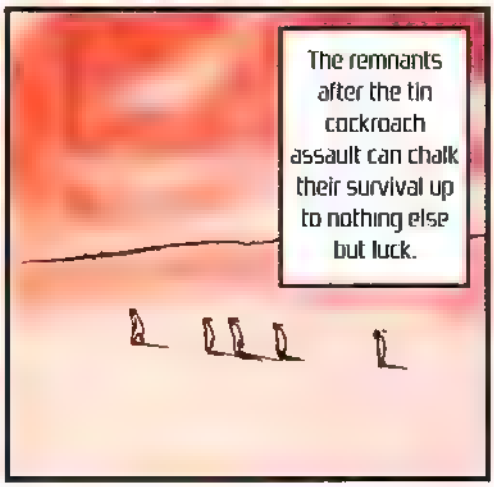

They are currently using this item to shield themselves from the wind and rain, without any idea that is an artifact left to them by their ancestors.

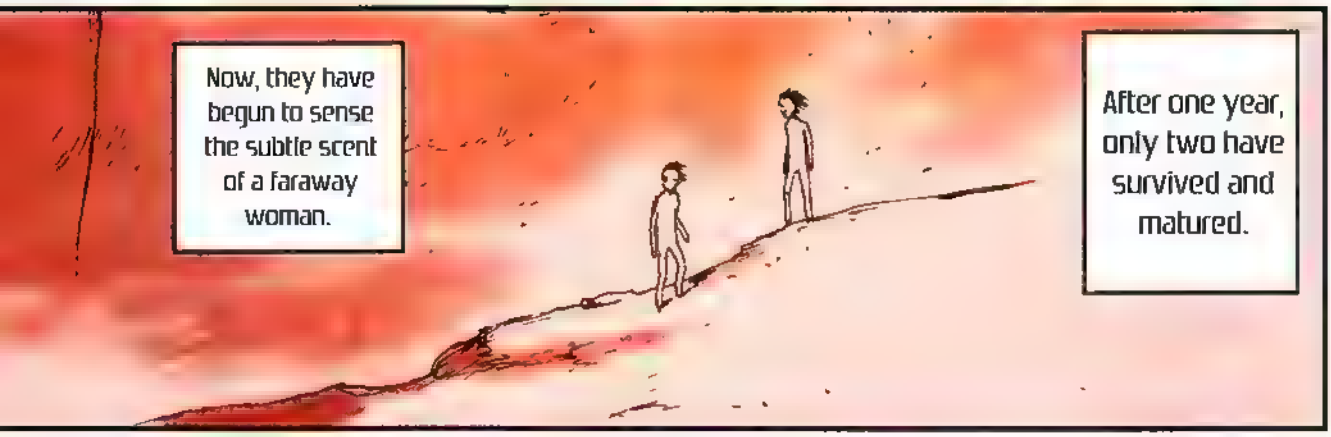

It is a young caddisfly, which lives at the top of the floating trees.
Soon they encounter a fallen creature from the sky.

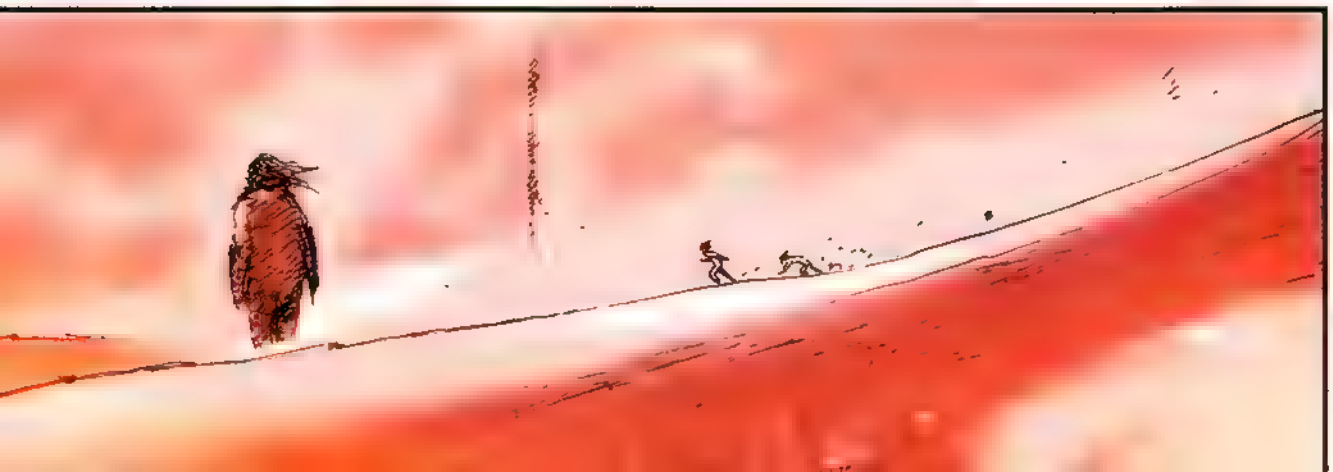


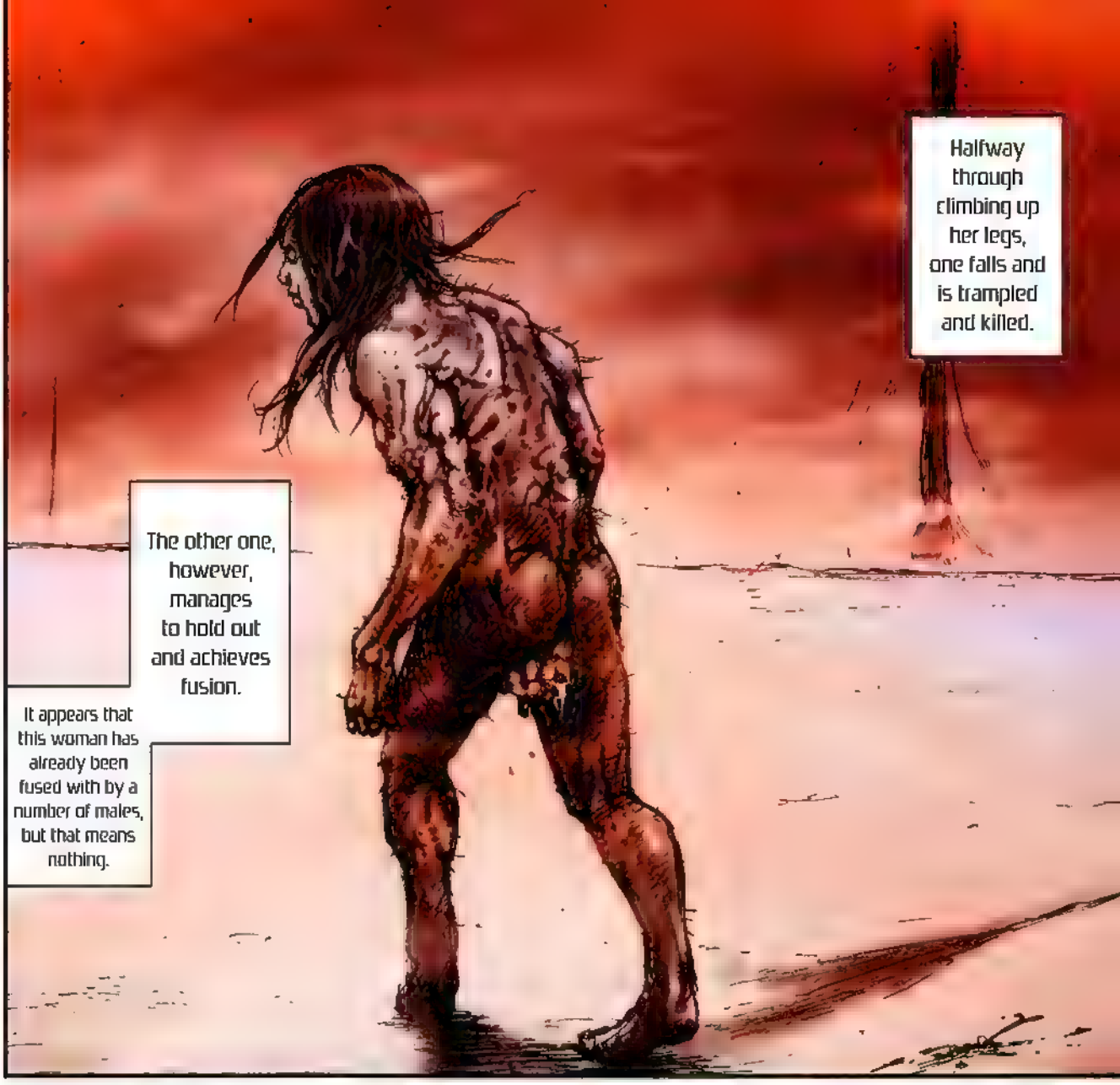

However, these humans were not the only ones to notice this sudden arrival of food.

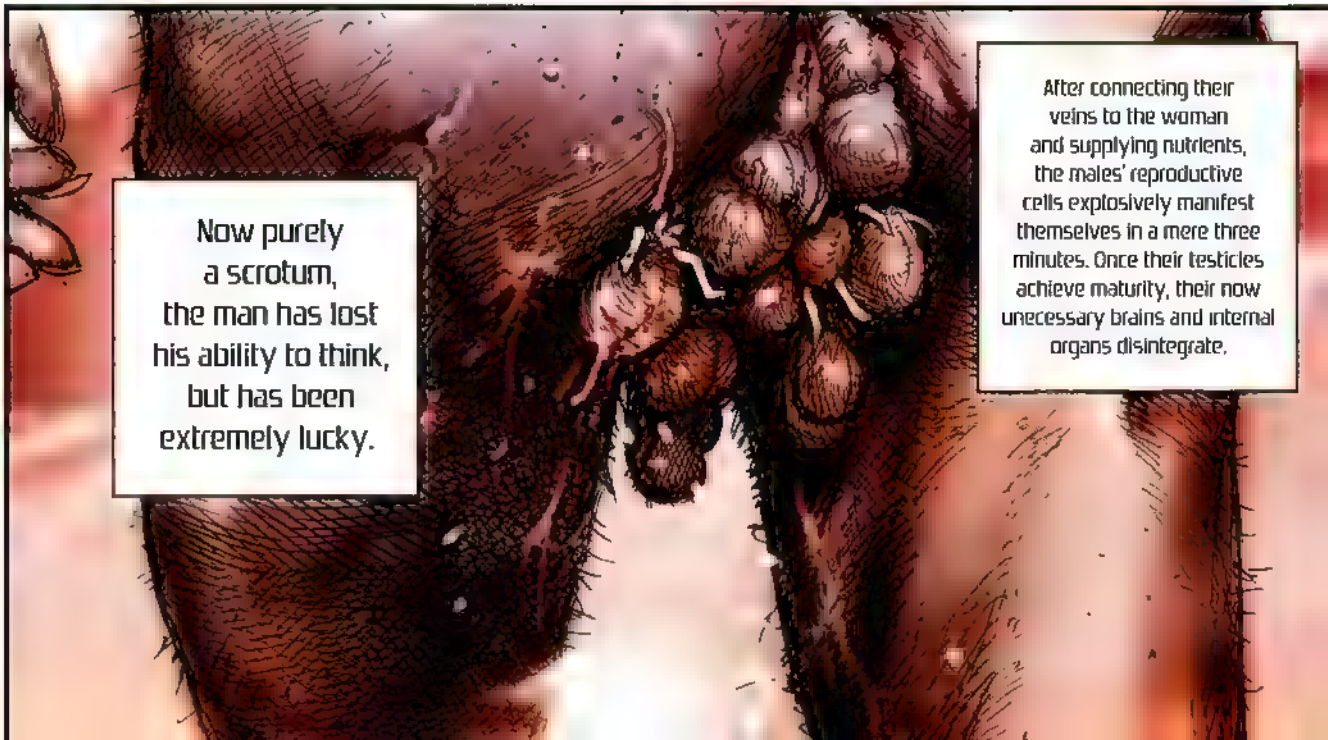



The remnants after the tin cockroach assault can chalk their survival up to nothing else but luck.


Now, they have begun to sense the subtle scent of a faraway woman.
After one year, only two have survived and matured.

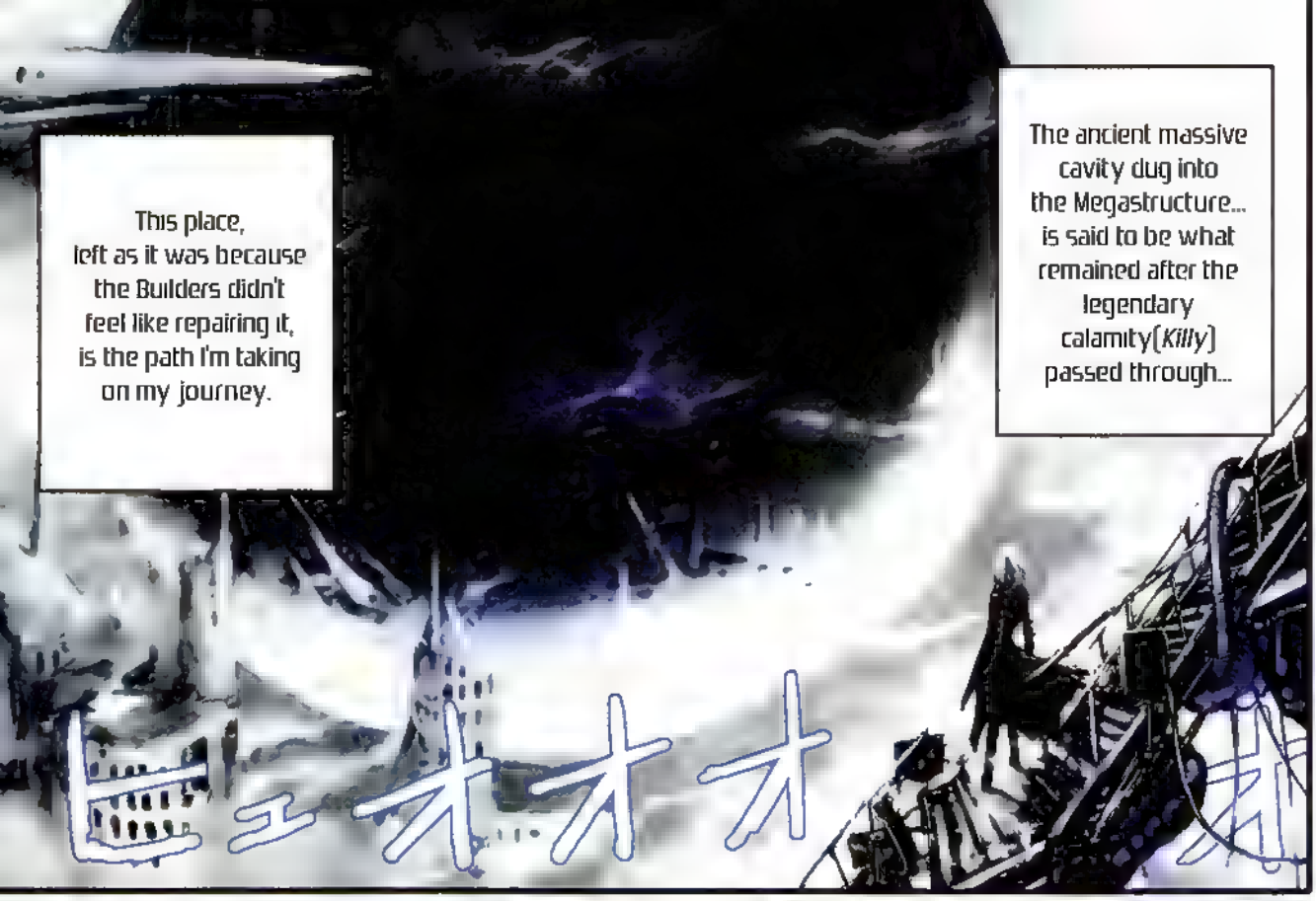



Halfway through climbing up her legs, one falls and is trampled and killed.
The other one, however, manages to hold out and achieves fusion.
It appears that this woman has already been fused with by a number of males, but that means nothing.


Now purely a scrotum, the man has lost his ability to think, but has been extremely lucky.
After connecting their veins to the woman and supplying nutrients, the males' reproductive cells explosively manifest themselves in a mere three minutes. Once their testicles achieve maturity, their now unecessary brains and internal organs disintegrate.

07
PUMP END

BLAME! PCELL VIIIS CITY
ESCAPE LOG


This place, left as it was because the Builders didn't feel like repairing it, is the path I'm taking on my journey.
The ancient massive cavity dug into the Megastructure... is said to be what remained after the legendary calamity(*Killy*) passed through...
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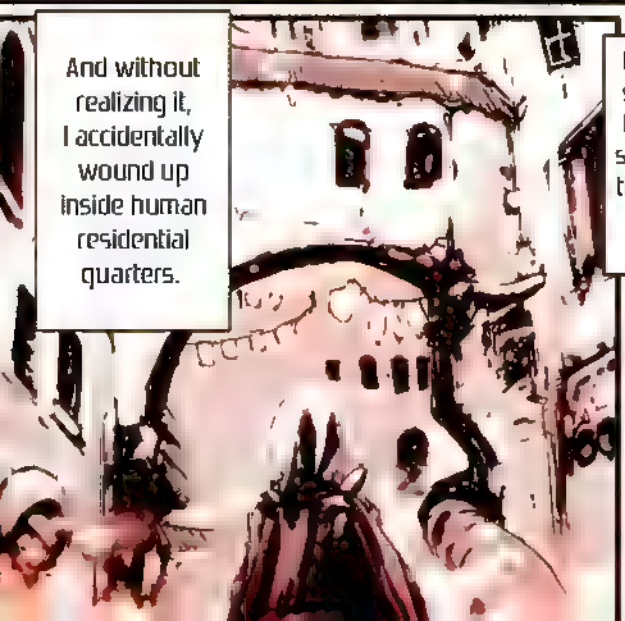
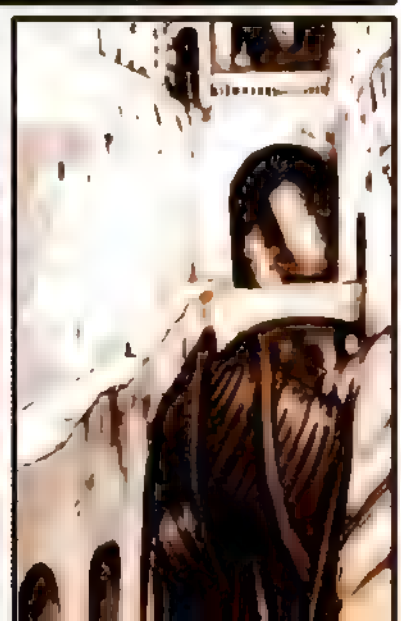
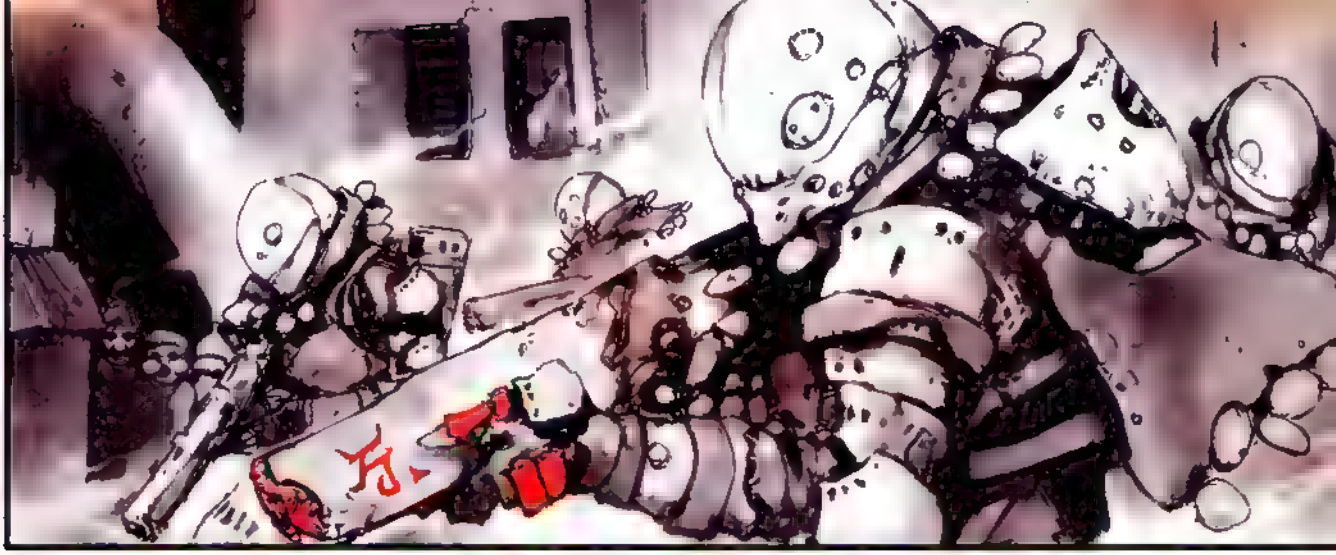
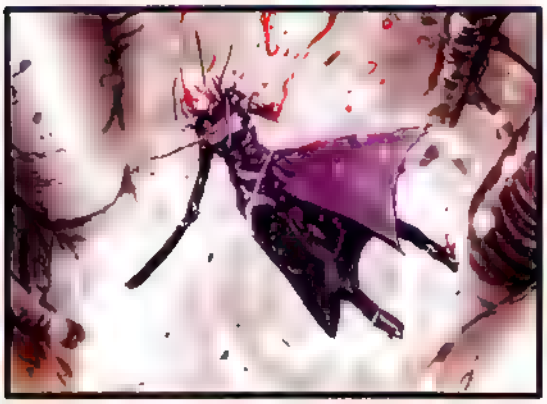
That would mean that the city structure didn't continue infinitely... That it does have an end...
If Killy really didn't exist...

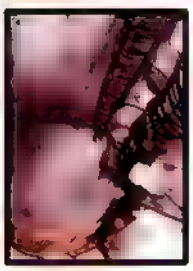

And without realizing it, I accidentally wound up inside human residential quarters.

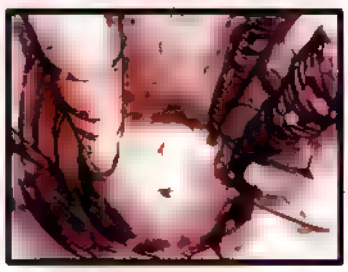
It had been such a long time since I saw humans that I had let my guard down.
Oh no... This is a...

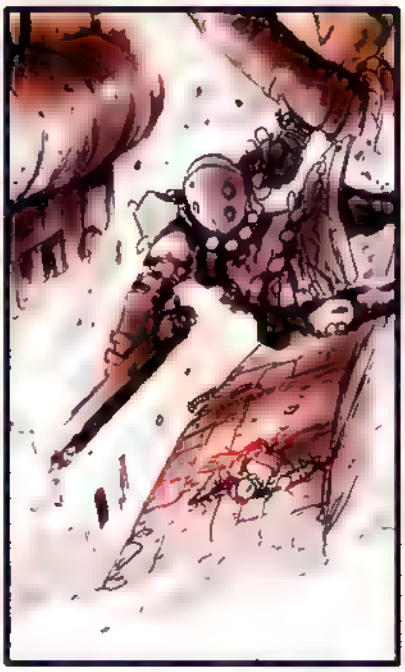


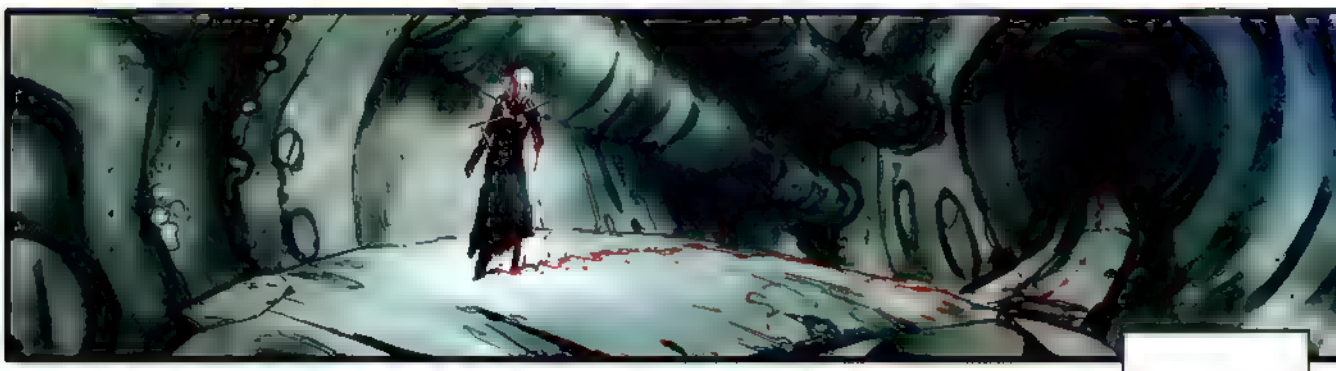


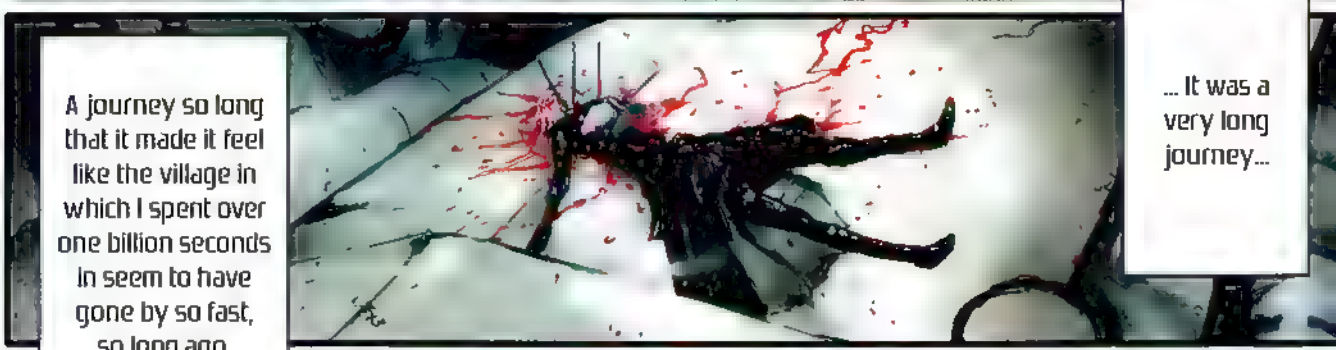






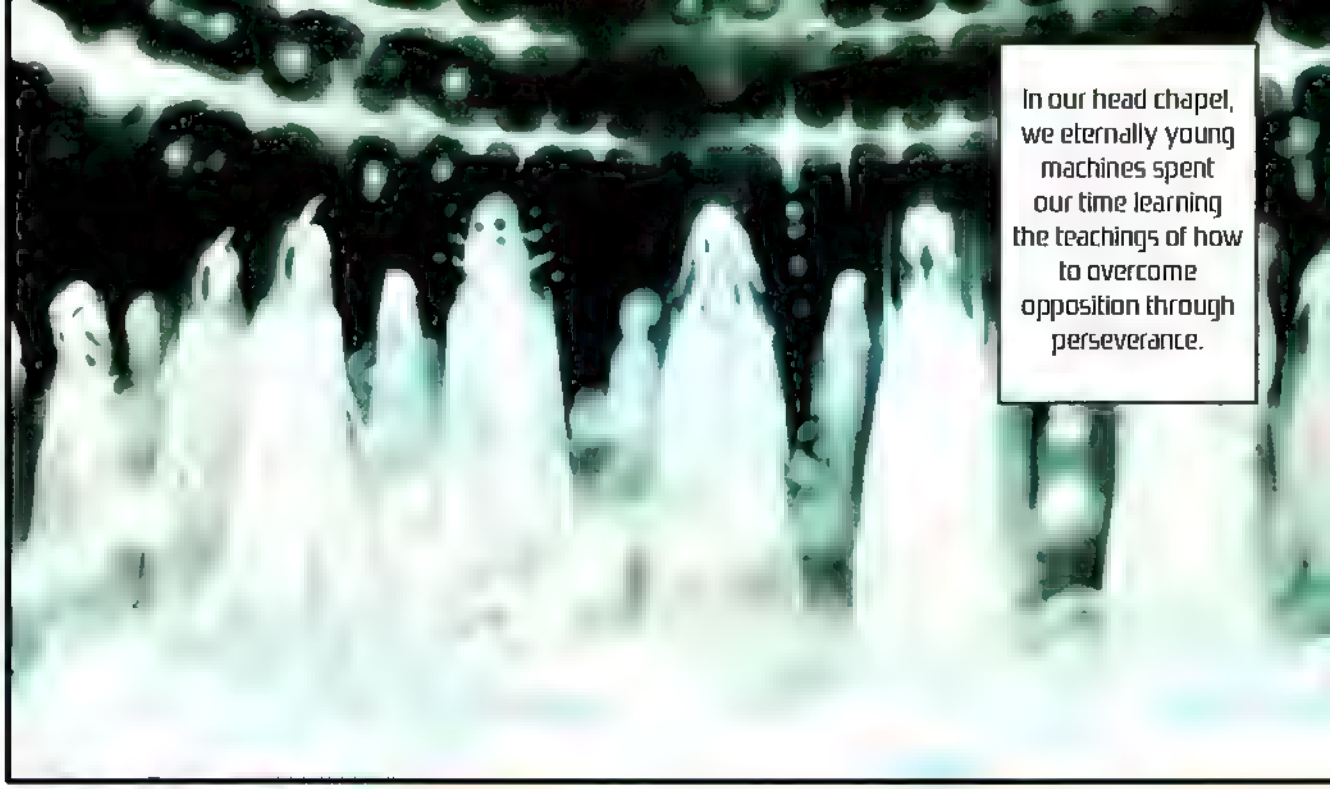






A journey so long that it made it feel like the village in which I spent over one billion seconds in seem to have gone by so fast, so long ago.

... It was a very long journey...


In our head chapel, we eternally young machines spent our time learning the teachings of how to overcome opposition through perseverance.

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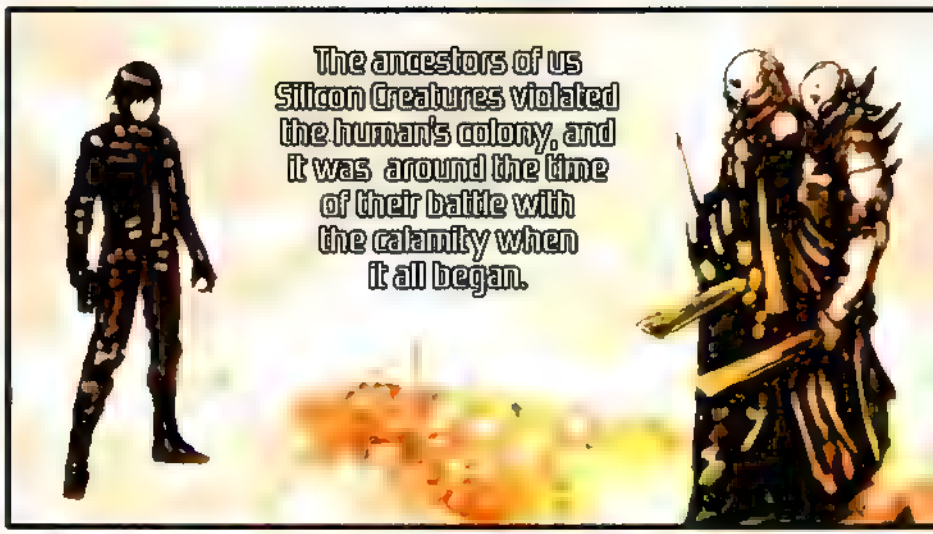
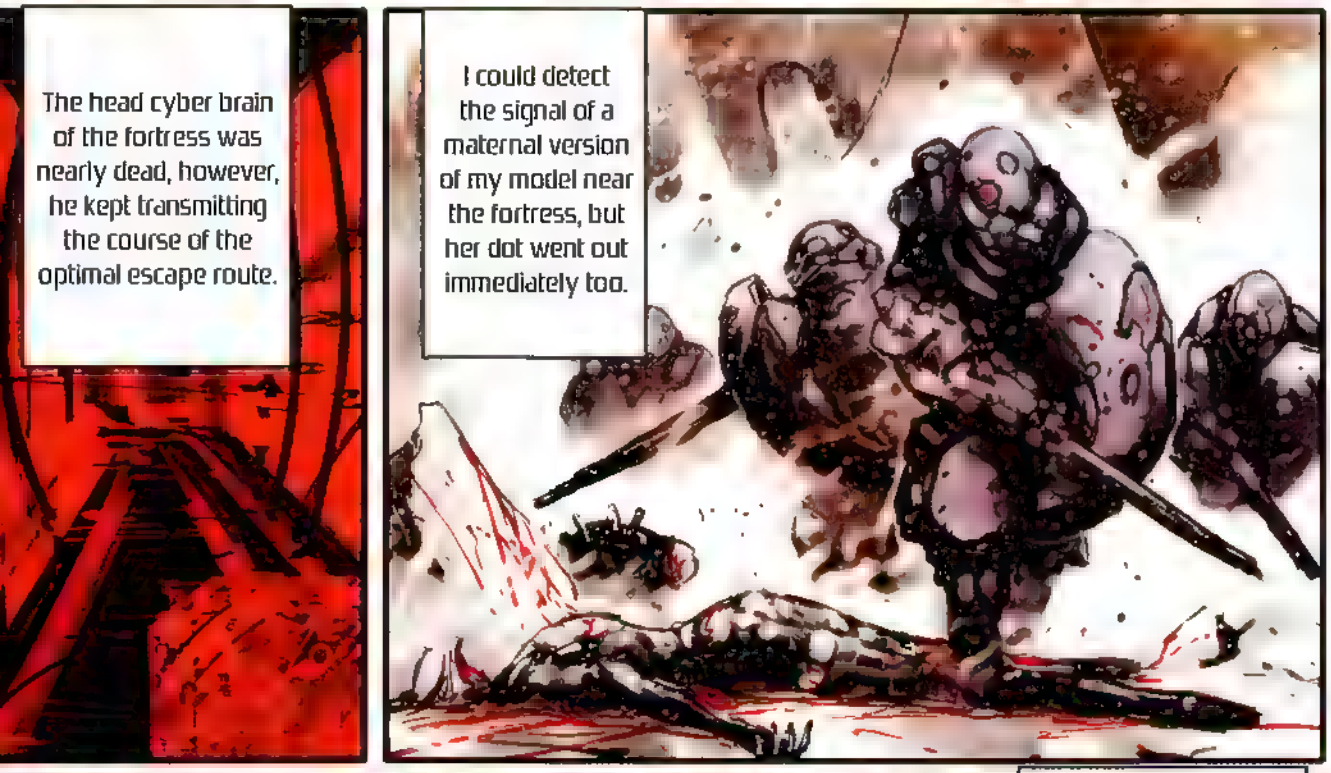

The ancestors of us Silicon Creatures violated the human's colony, and it was around the time of their battle with the calamity when it all began.

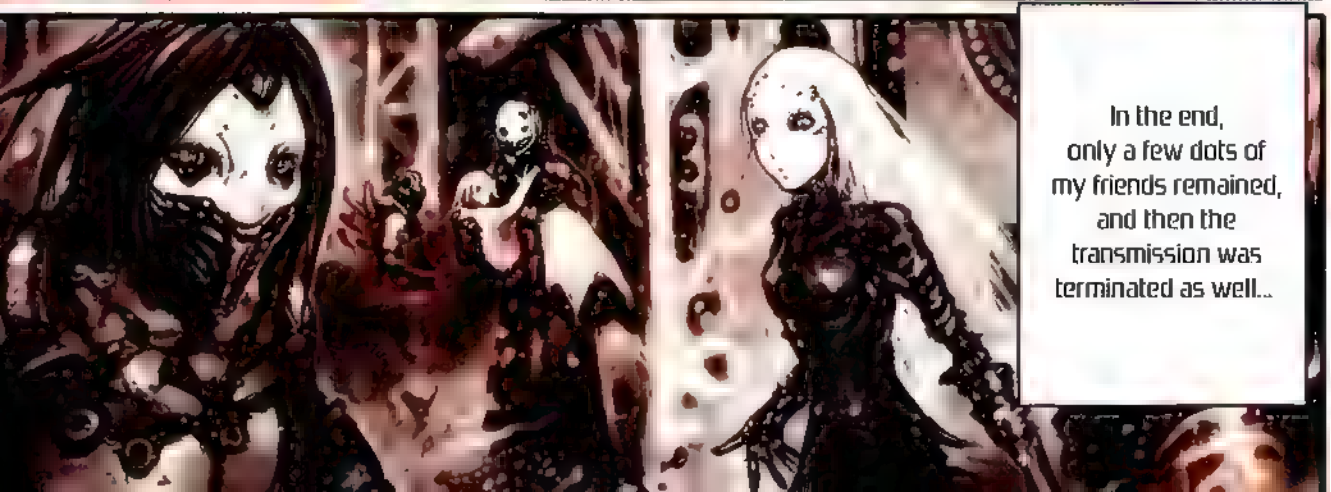
The terrible humans first started to remodel their brains illegally and sent the massive Builders.

I saw the dots representing my fellow Silicon Creatures disappear one after another from the map embedded in my eye.

The head cyber brain of the fortress was nearly dead, however, he kept transmitting the course of the optimal escape route.

I could detect the signal of a maternal version of my model near the fortress, but her dot went out immediately too.



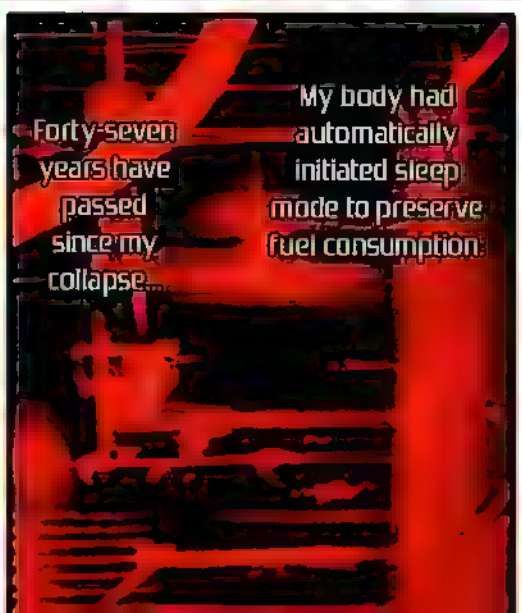


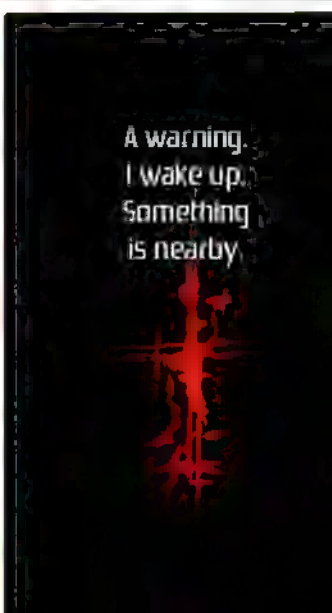
In the end, only a few dots of my friends remained, and then the transmission was terminated as well...

Only eight of us were able to break free from the siege network of the humans.

After that, I came across a few humans during my journey. Meanwhile, all of the dots from my map disappeared.

My perception threshold comes back...


Forty-seven years have passed since my collapse...
My body had automatically initiated sleep mode to preserve fuel consumption.


A warning. I wake up. Something is nearby.

Small Builders...
I'm sure they're here to dispose of me...
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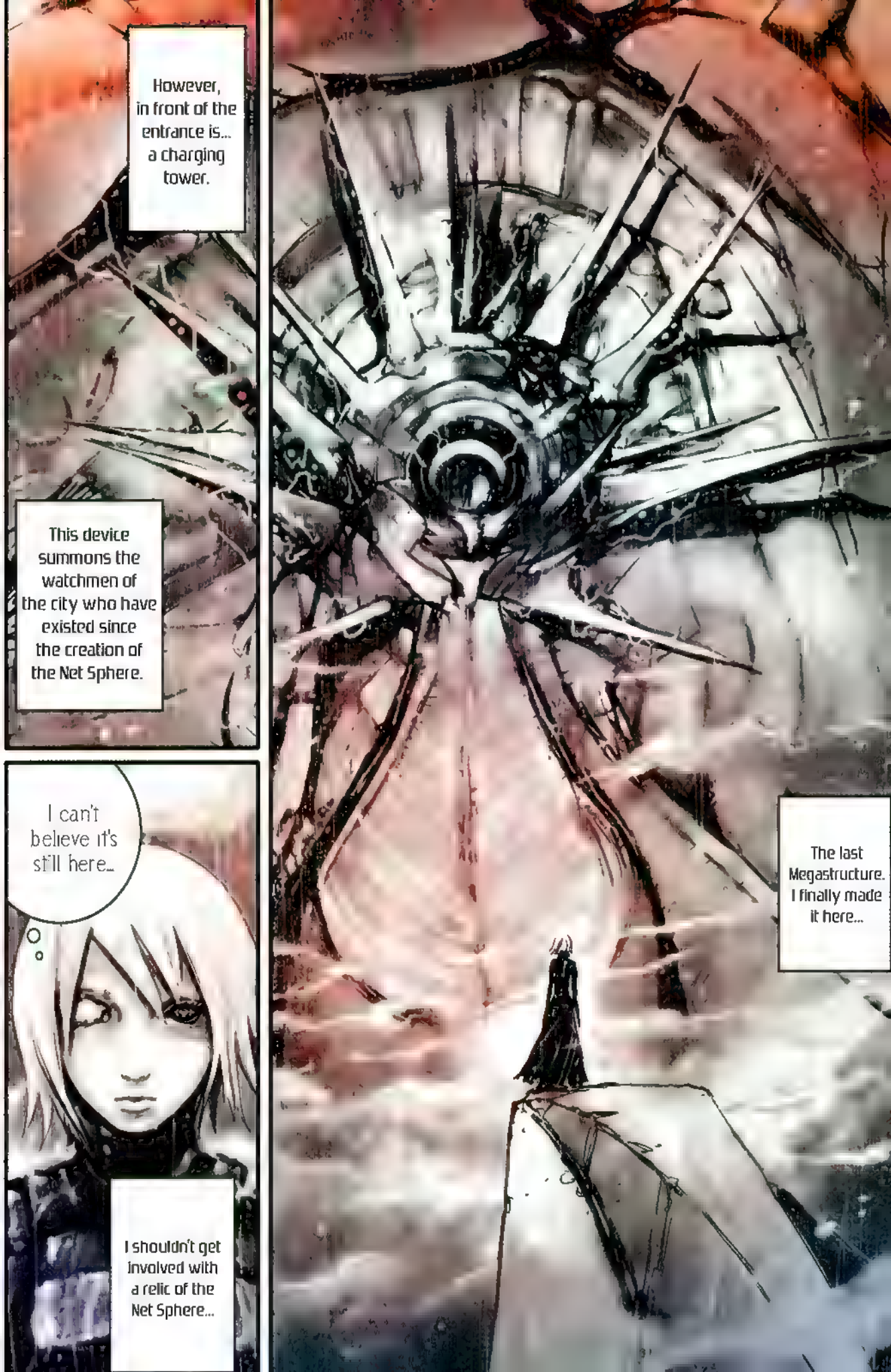
However, in front of the entrance is... a charging tower.
This device summons the watchmen of the city who have existed since the creation of the Net Sphere.
I can't believe it's still here...
I shouldn't get involved with a relic of the Net Sphere...
The last Megastructure. I finally made it here...

My teachings can go to hell!
But I've had enough...
I guess this means that I have to find a safe entrance...

A HIGH LEVEL
EXTERMINATOR!

A human?!
TAP
The gravitational beam emitter! He must be...

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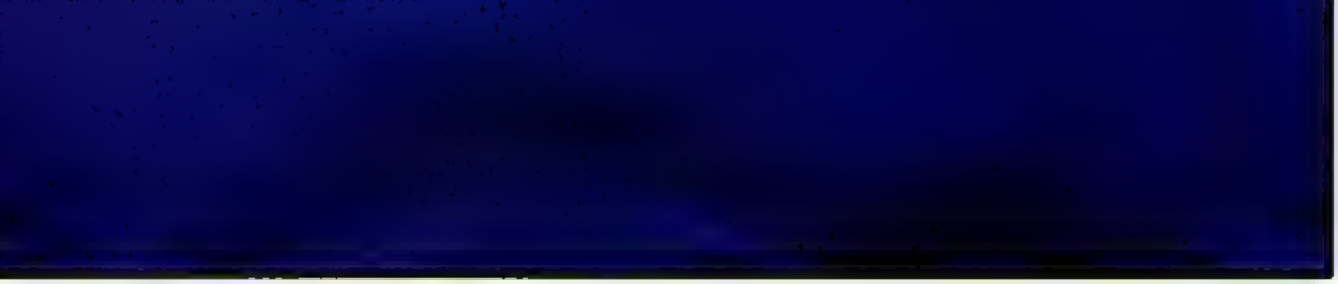
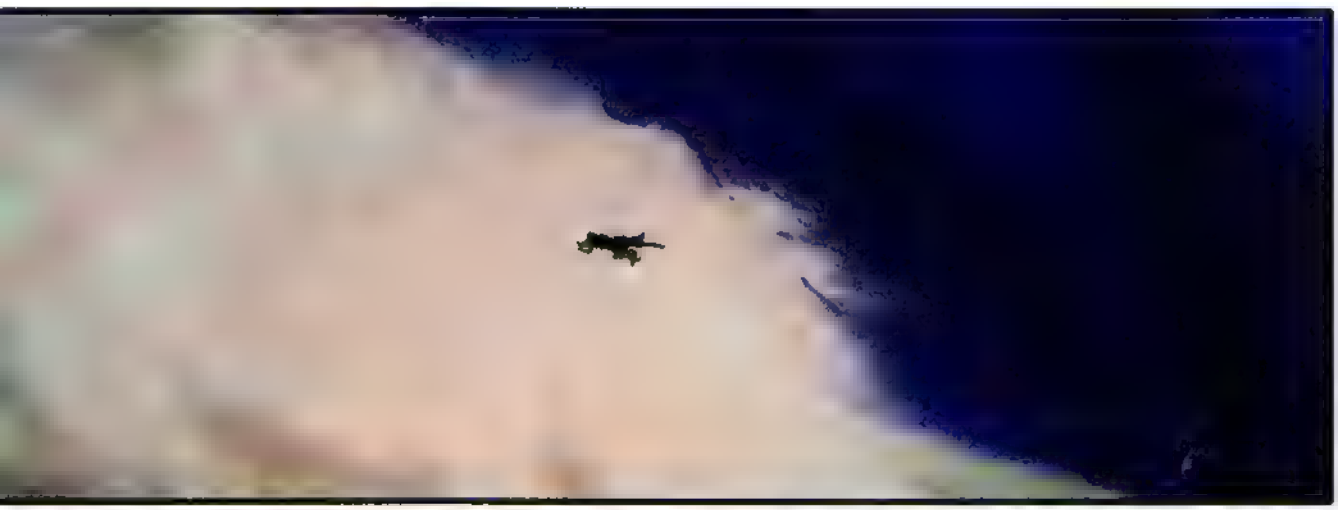
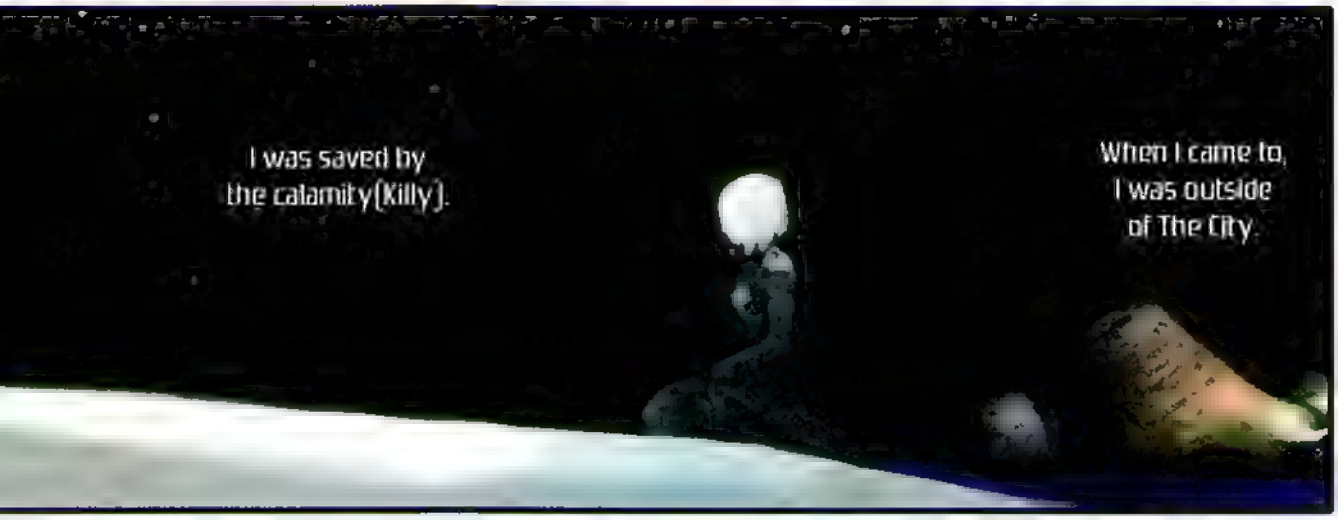


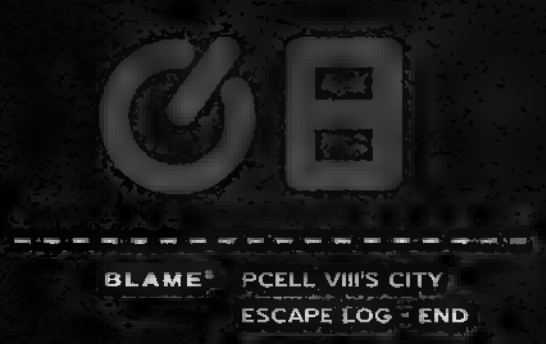



I was saved by the calamity(Killy).
When I came to, I was outside of The City.

I'M SO GLAD IT'S SAFE...
Inside this capsule lies all the records of the 74th system branch family.

In the hopes of resurrecting my village...

And then I escaped from the city structure...


BLAME!
PCELL VIII'S CITY
ESCAPE LOG - END

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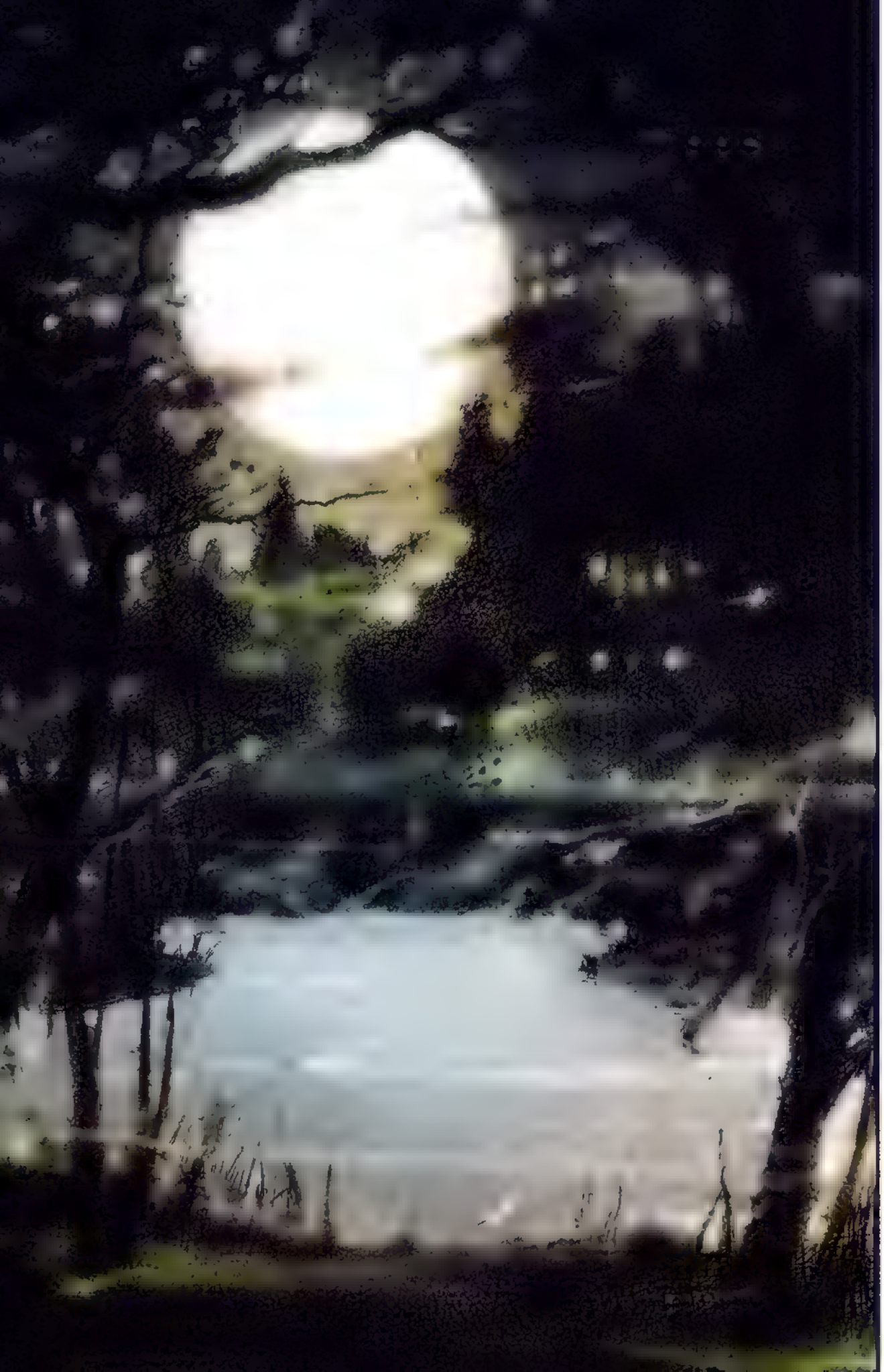
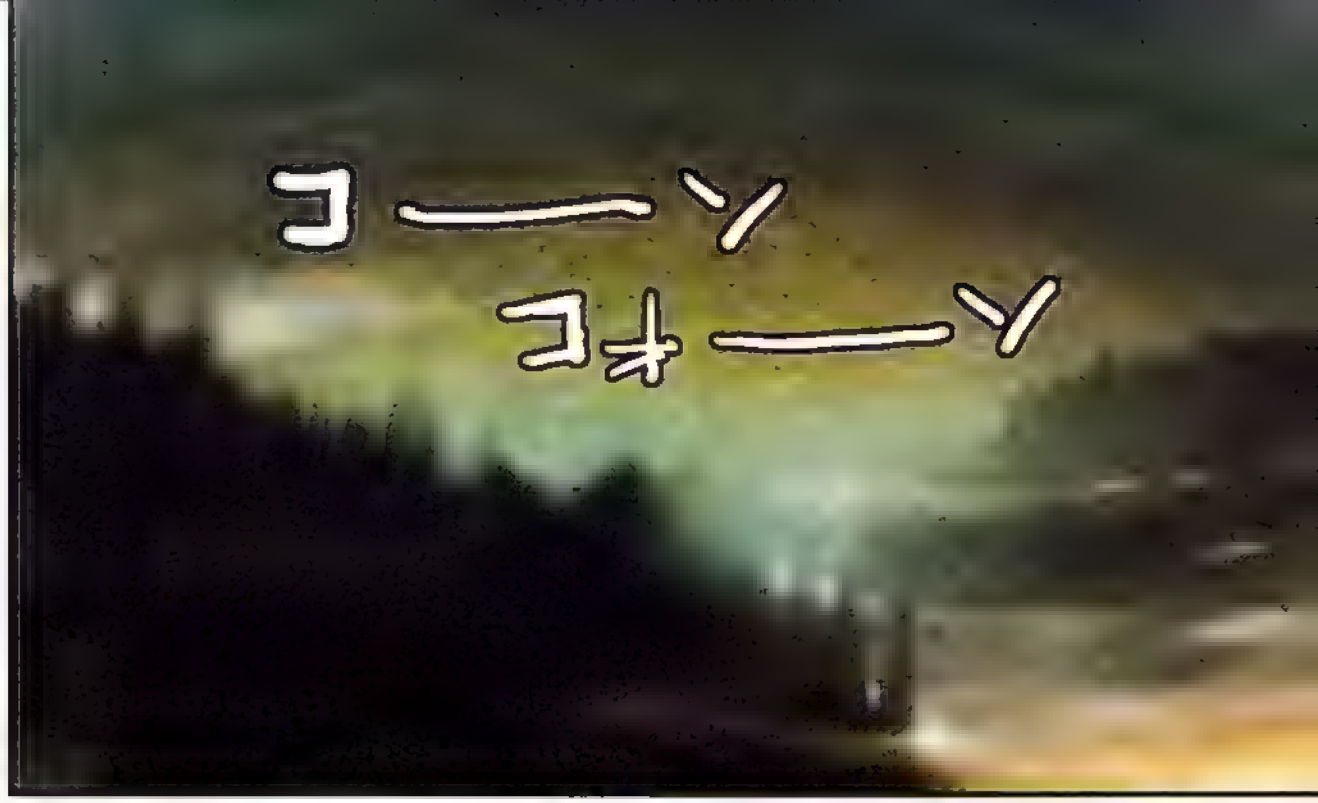
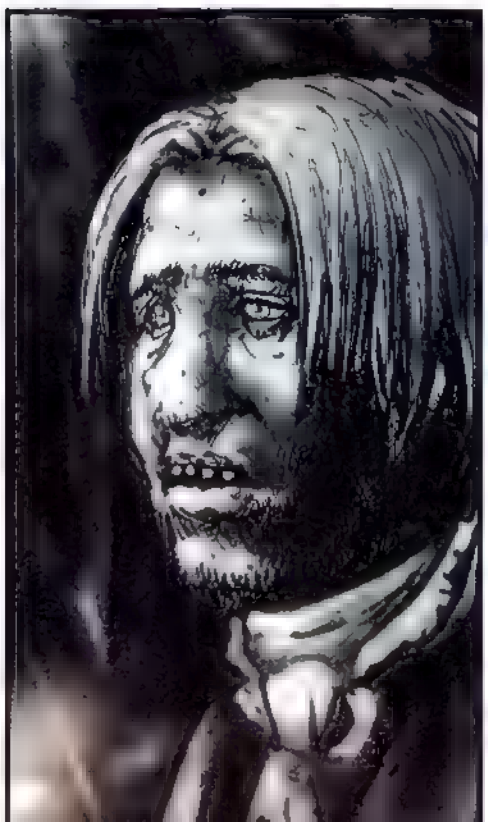
NUMA NO KAMI

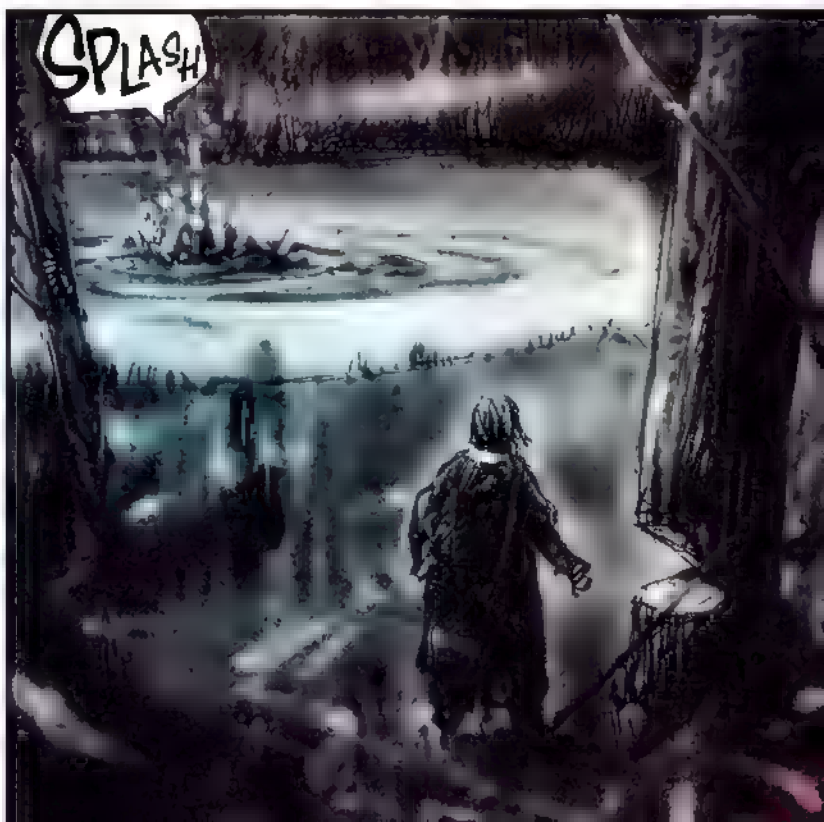


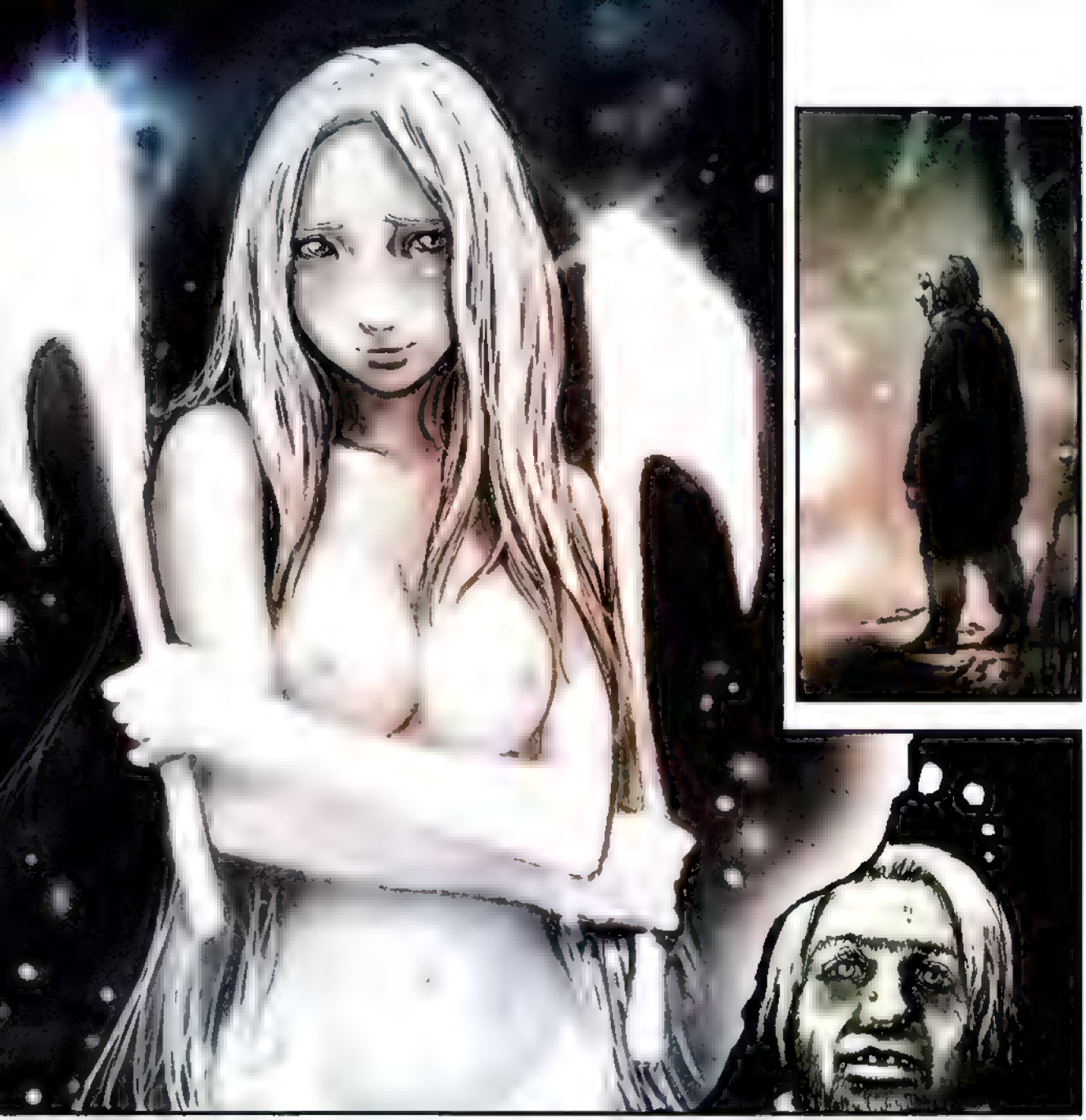


SFX(above): CHOP CHOP

SFX(below): SLIP







SFX: SLURP BUBBLE BLUB

SFX: BLUB BLUB BLUB

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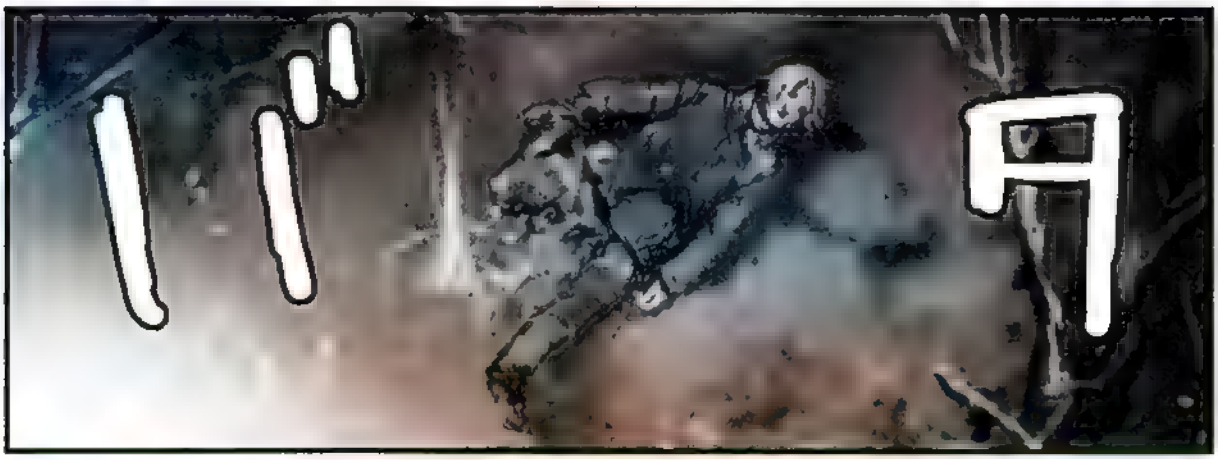
SFX(below): PISSSSS



SFX: COLLAPSE

SFX: SLURP BUBBLE BLUB

NUMA NO KAMI - END

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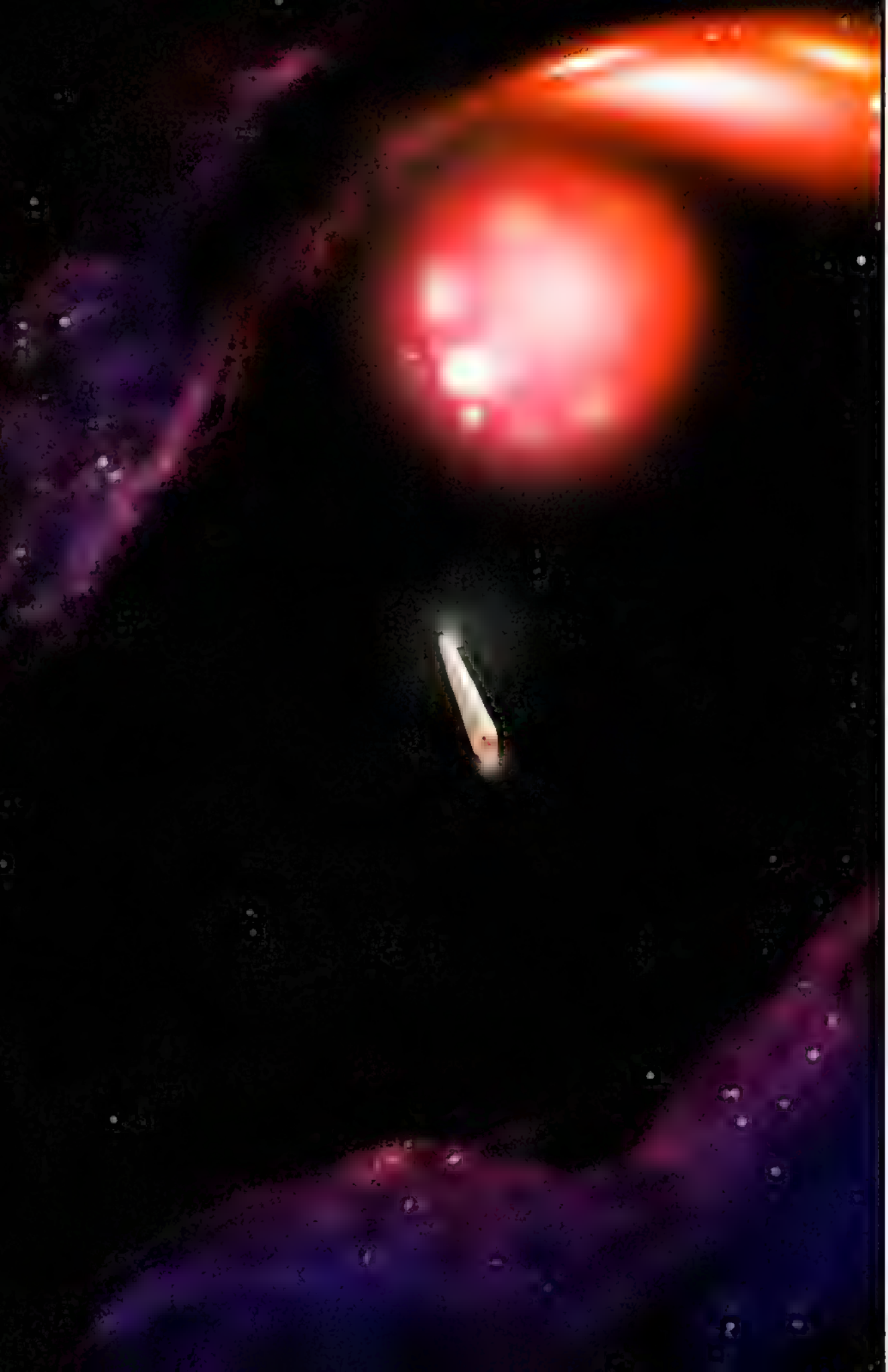
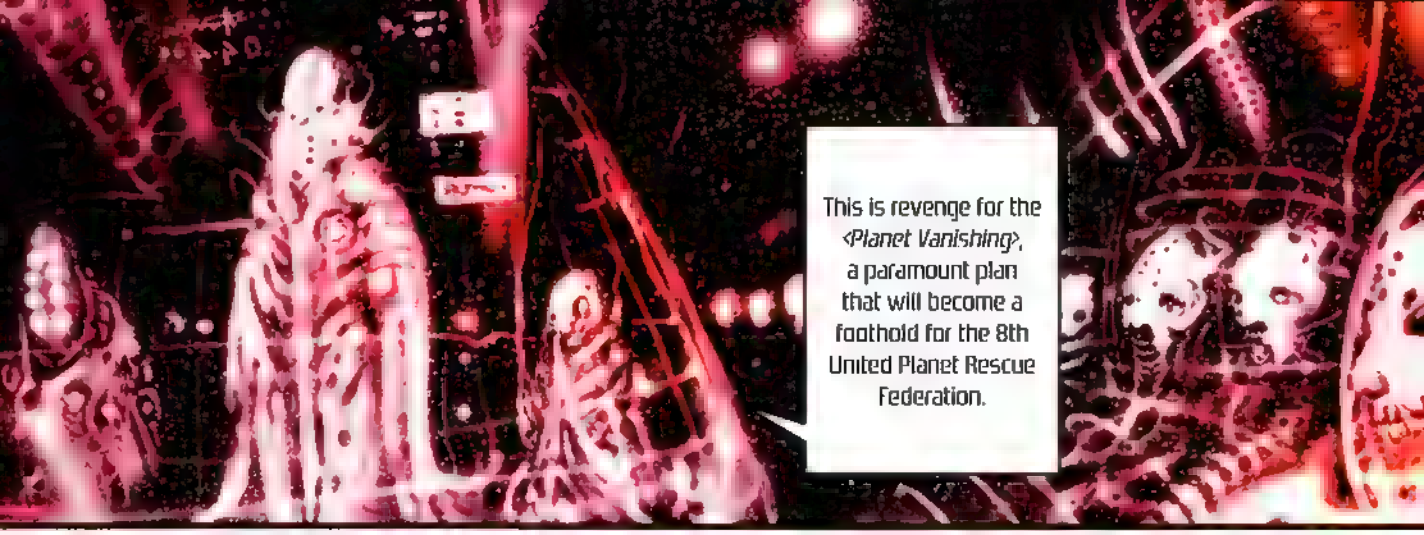
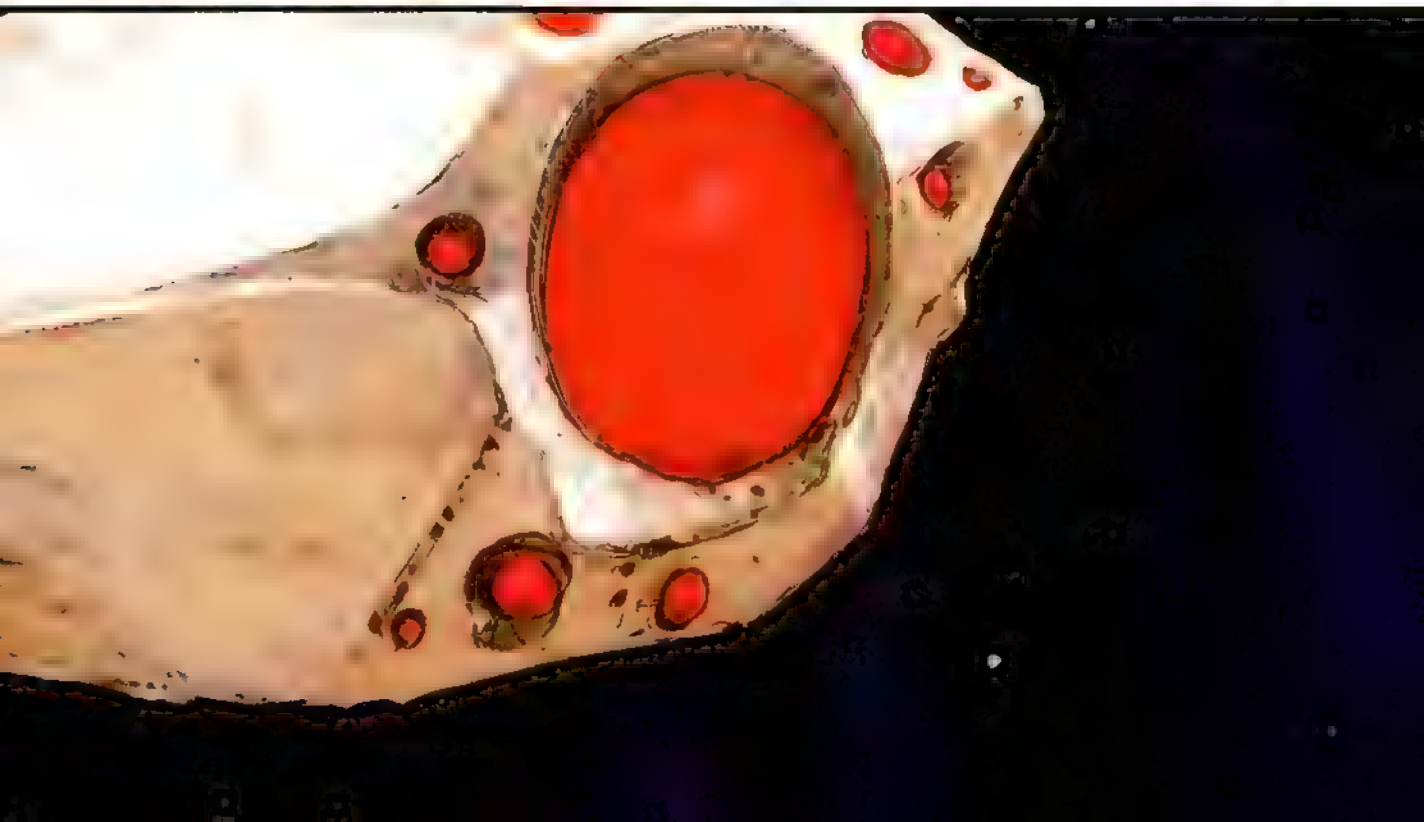
THE ARMORED BATTLE
INSECTS · SPHINGIDAE

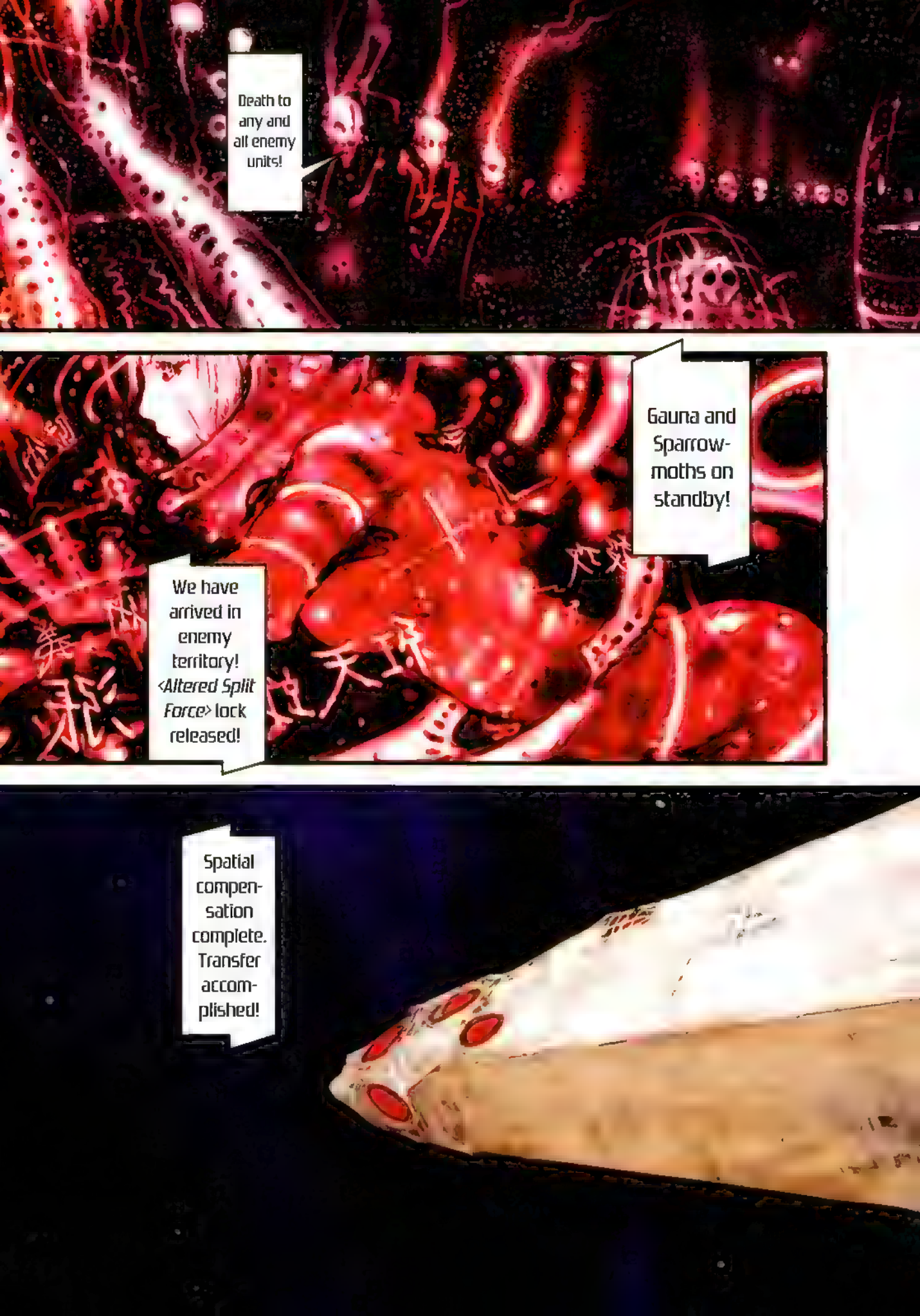


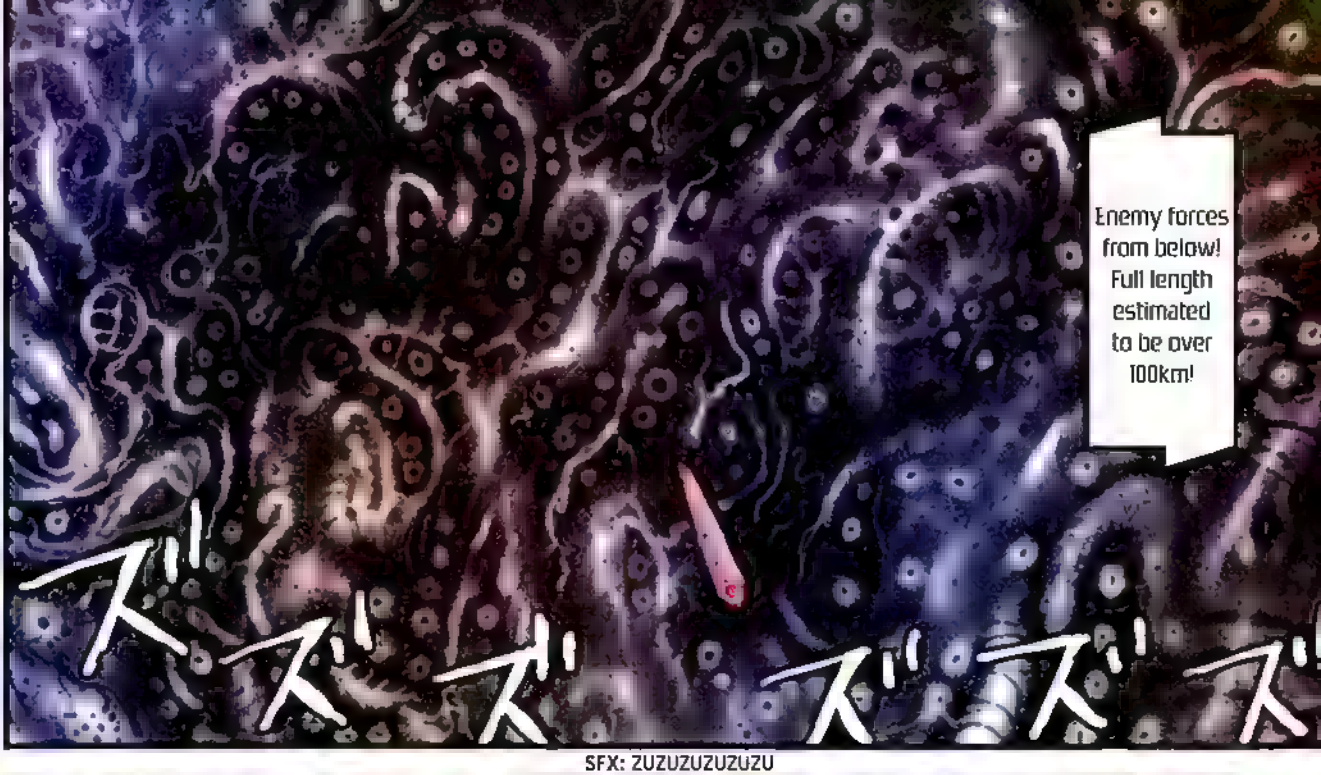
We will now commence the assault on enemy territory!!


This is revenge for the <Planet Vanishing>, a paramount plan that will become a foothold for the 8th United Planet Rescue Federation.

Our battleship will soon arrive at the designated location.

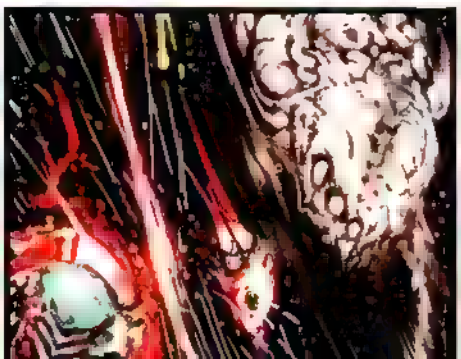


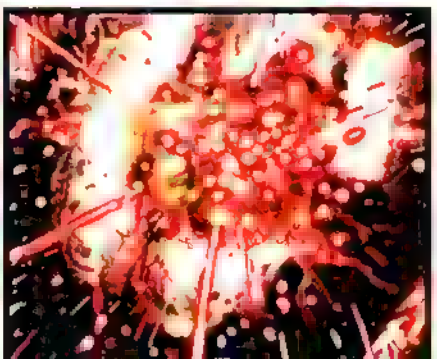

Death to any and all enemy units!
Gauna and Sparrow-moths on standby!
We have arrived in enemy territory! <Altered Split Force> lock released!
Spatial compen-sation complete. Transfer accom-plished!

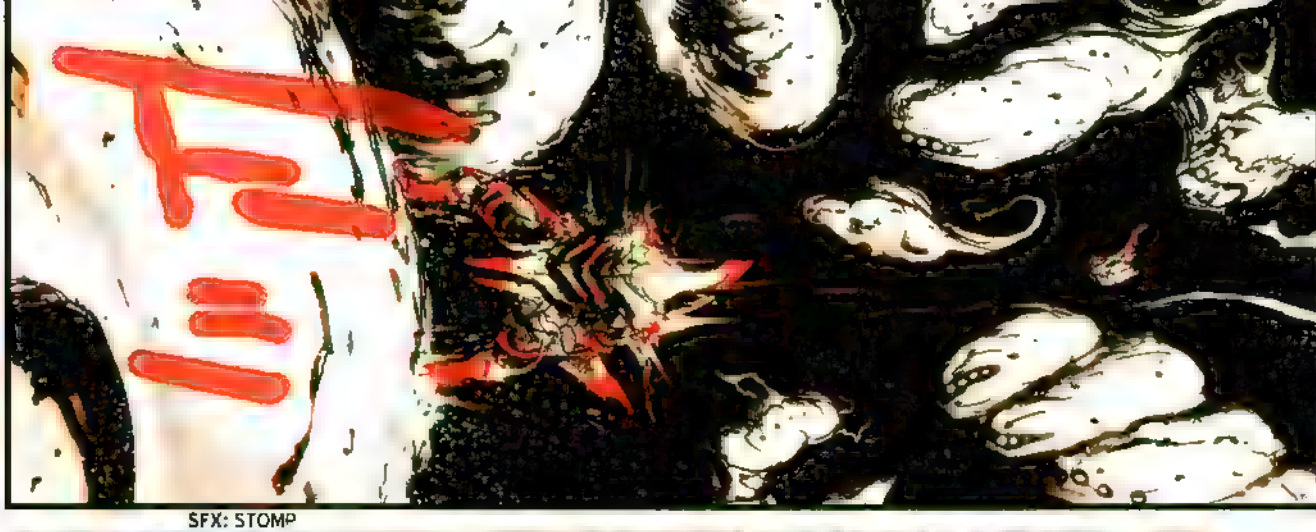


SFX: ZUZUZUZUZUZU

SFX: GASSSSSSSHH







SFX: STOMP

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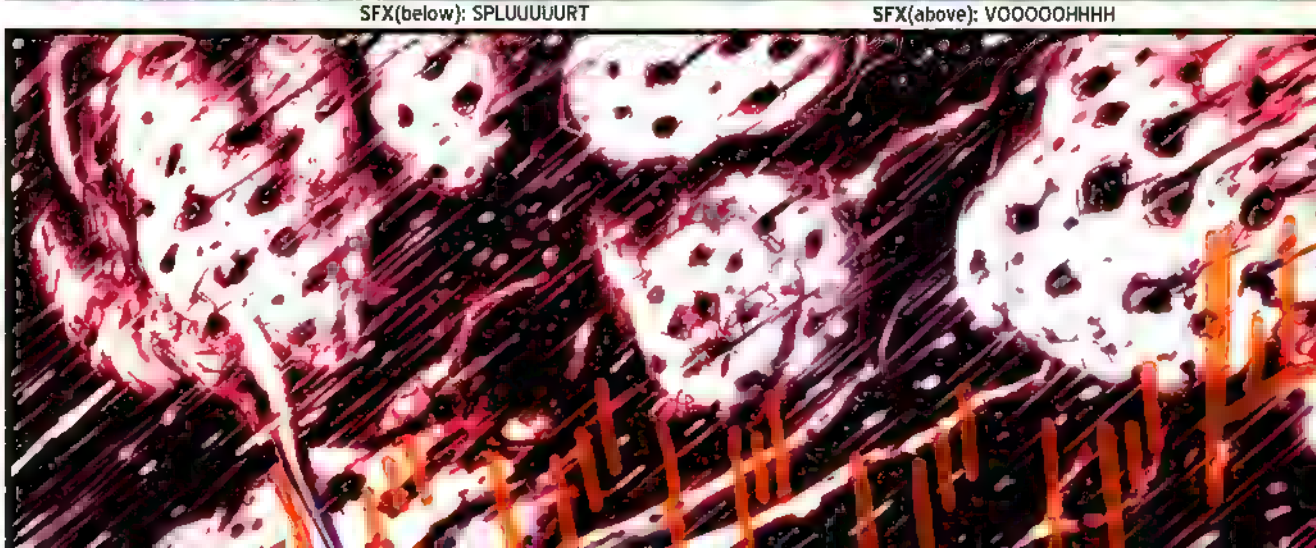
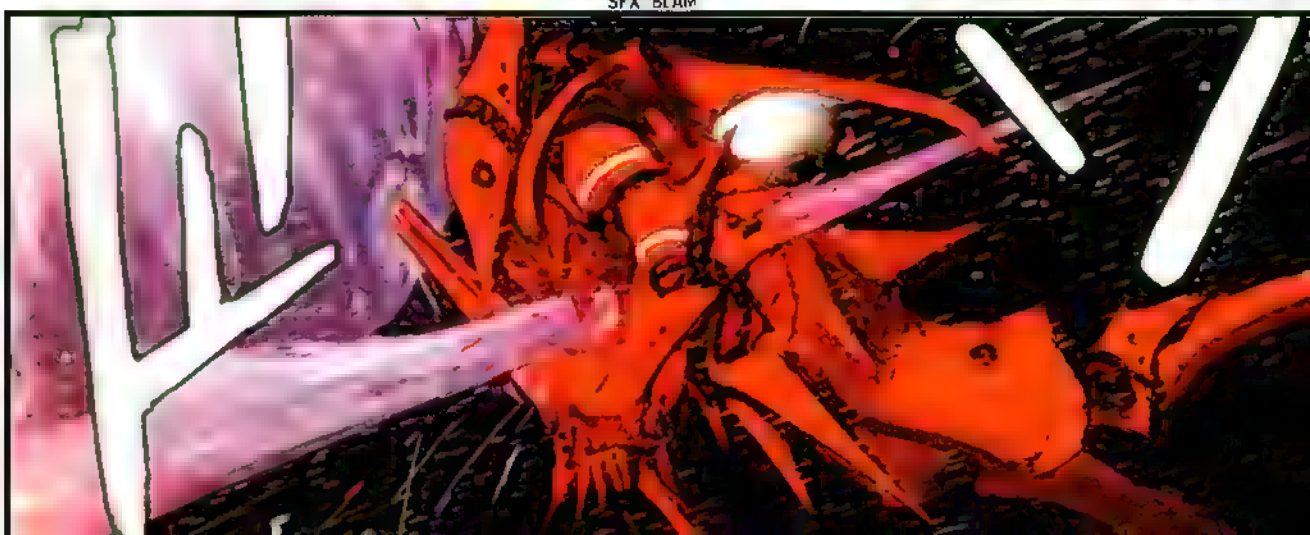
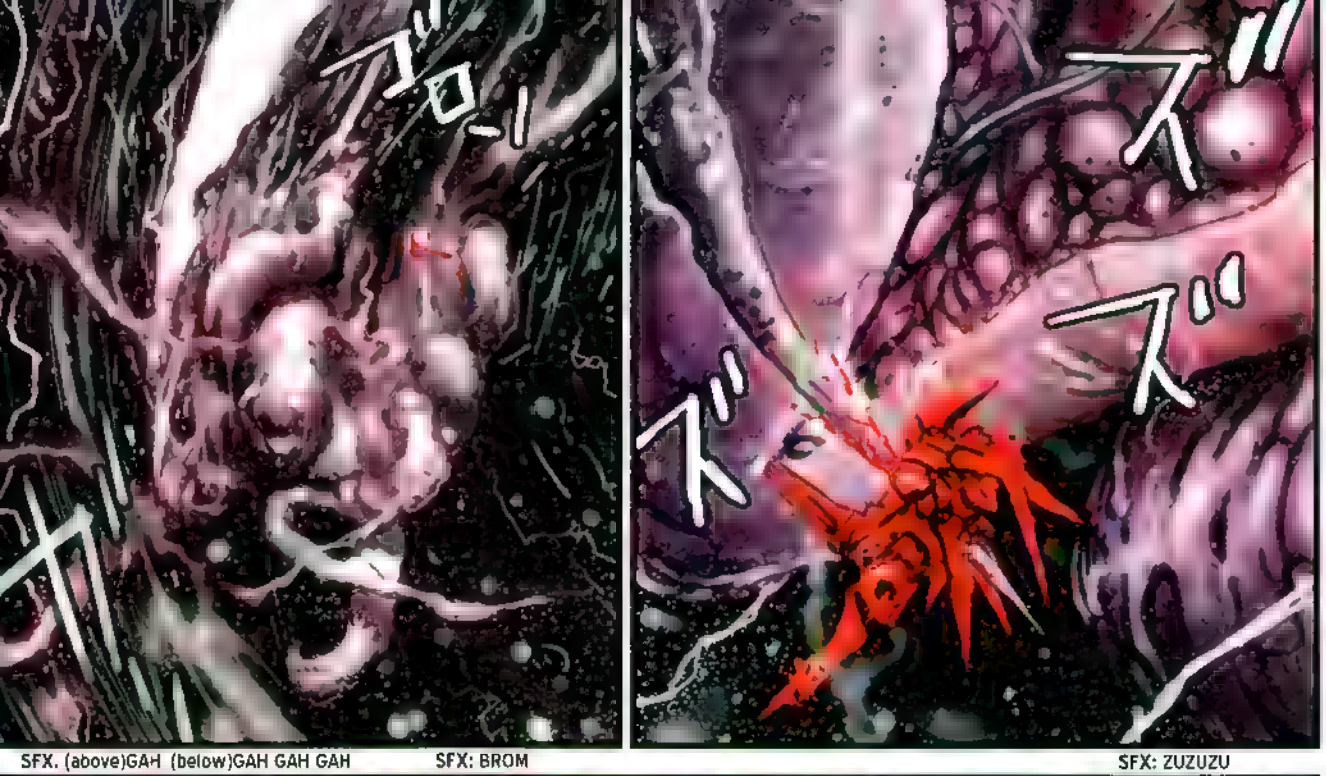
SFX(above): VOOOOOHHHH



Be careful of the Iceflower Membrane. It can smear over you
Red Sparrow Platoon has succeeded in infiltrating the enemy craft.
Unit 04!!
The communications haven't reached the Red Sparrow Platoon. I'm going to retreive them.
Unit 04! Where are you going? We're evacuating!!
Force capacity declining! T-30 and the retention field will be released!
Halt the plan! We're evacuating into upper space All units, return immediately!!

SFX BLAM





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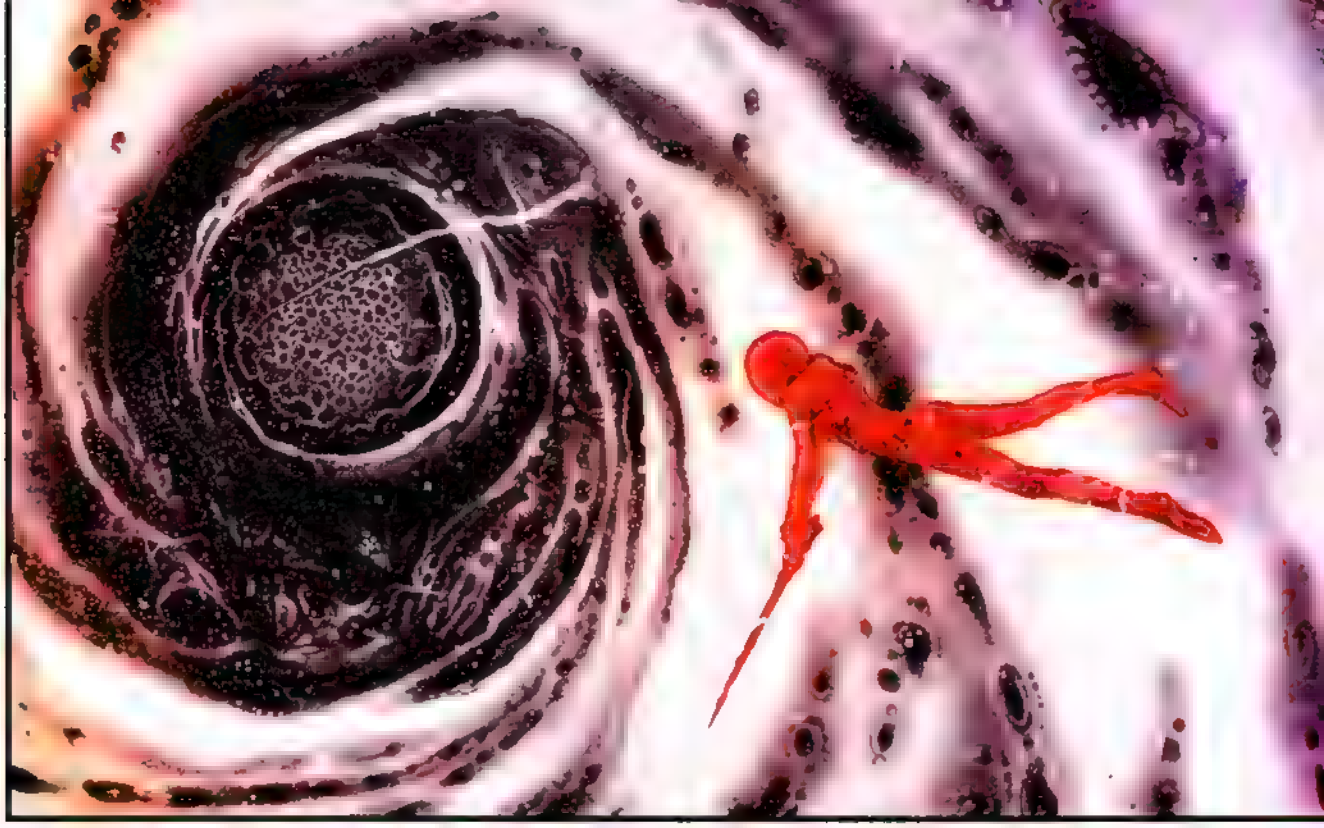

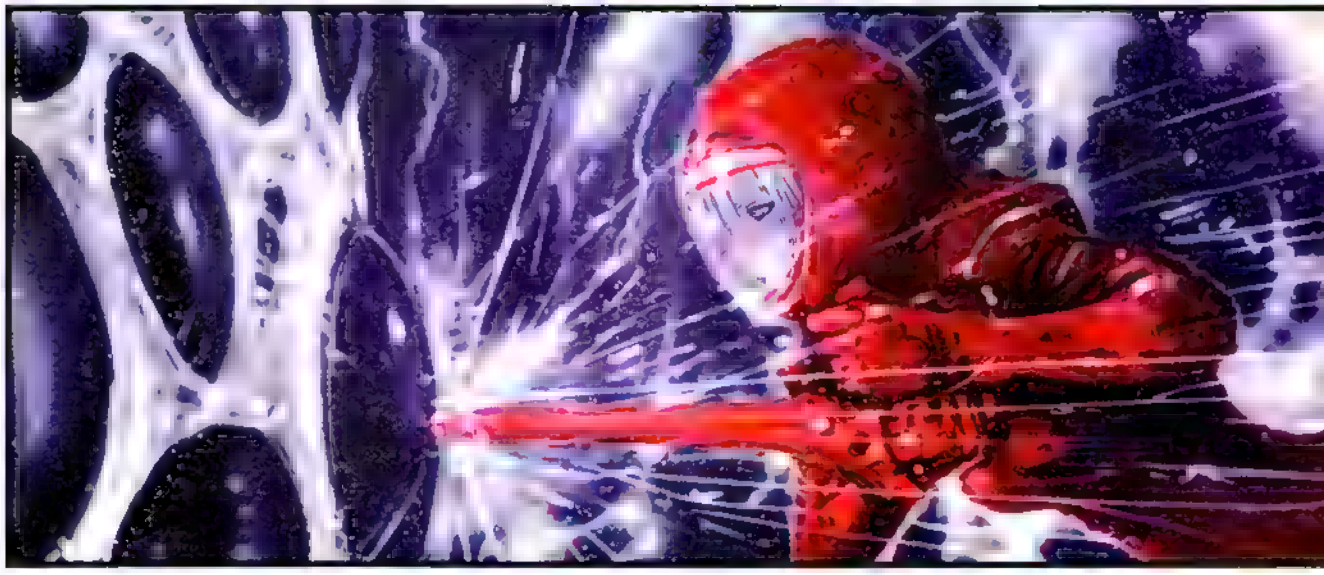

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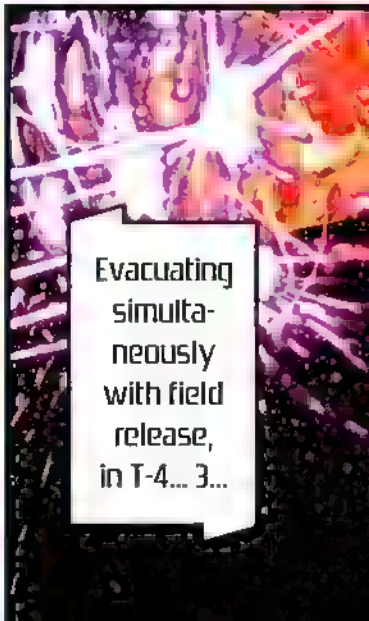
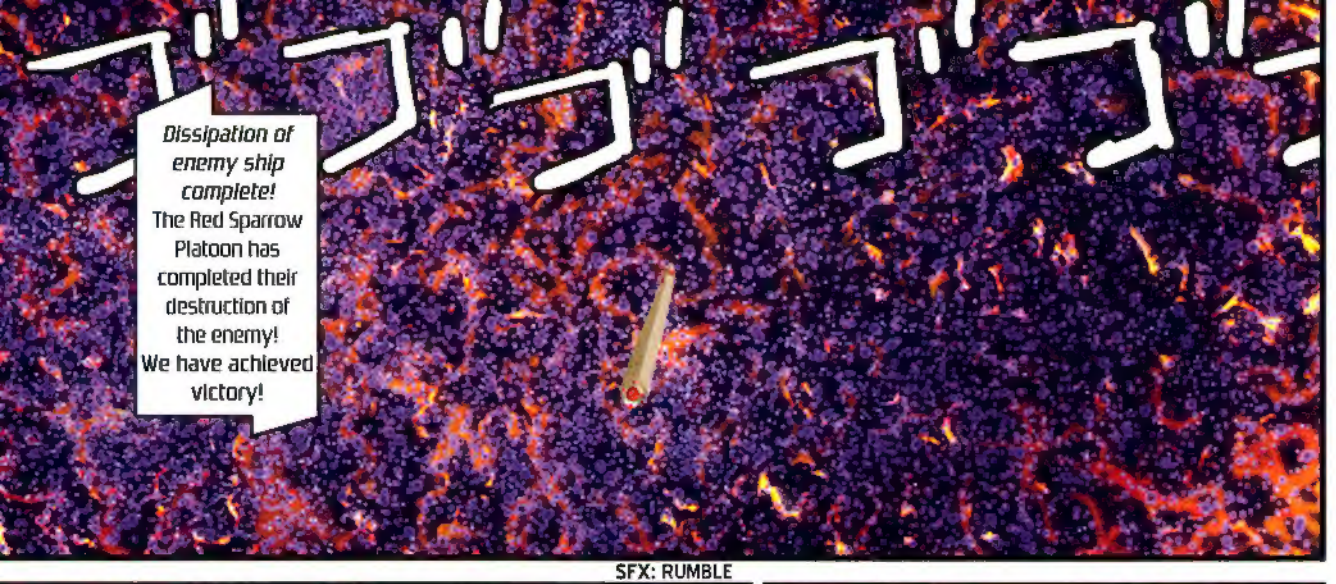

Evacuating simulta-neously with field release, in T-4... 3...


ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
Dissipation of enemy ship complete!
The Red Sparrow Platoon has completed their destruction of the enemy!
We have achieved victory!

SFX: RUMBLE

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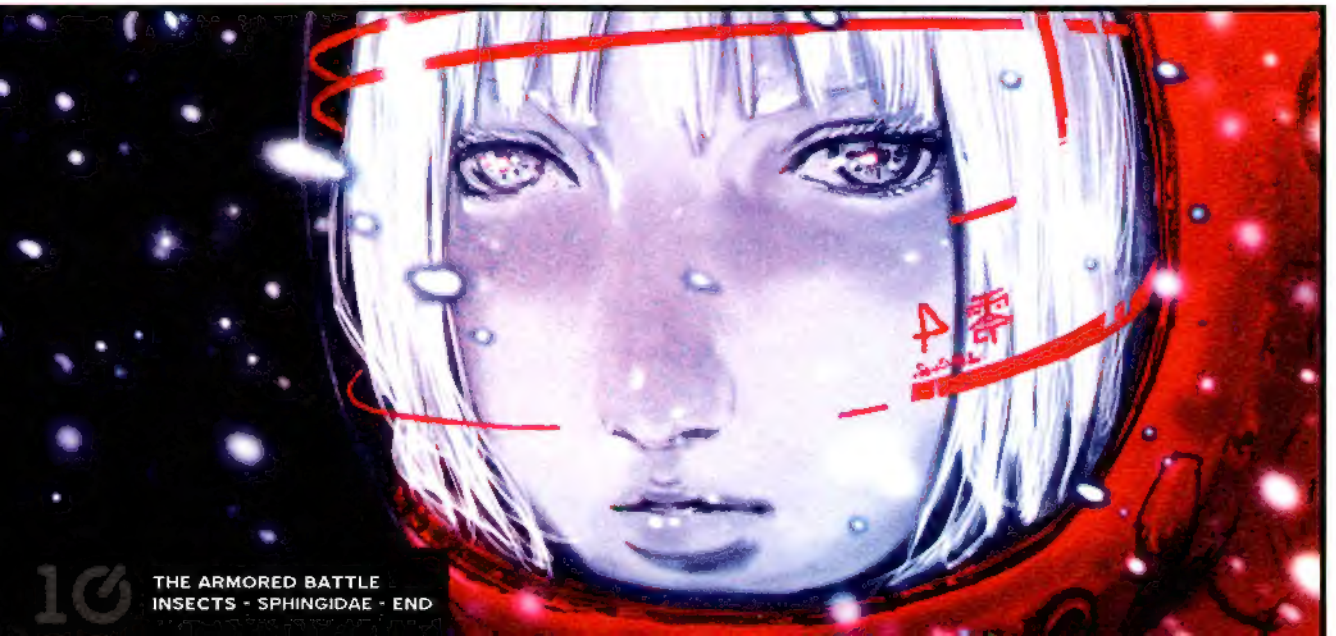

◎プラム学園！ アンドソーオン　弐瓶勉作品集／解説

『喪の九龍城』に咲いた『萌え』の花

本田 透

編集のI上氏から「BLAME！」単行本の解説をお願いする！と言い渡された。しかし僕はハードSFの解説ができるような理系人間ではないしハ○カワの担当からも逃げ回っている有り様ですので無理ですと及び腰に。

ところがI上氏いわく、

「いや、今回は『プラム学園！』を解説してもらいたい！」

成る程。

「プラム学園！」は、えーと、人類がテクノロジーの進化暴走によって文字通り「喪」のどん底に叩き落とされた世界を描く超ハード喪SF「BLAME！」のキャラが、なぜか突如学園マンガの世界に登場するという、弐瓶先生いったいどうしちゃったのとすべてのファンが思わずツッコミを入れたであろう怪作なのだが、とりわけ筆が乗ってきた第三話「桜咲く塔の下で」に至ってはもはやキャラクターの容貌すら原形を留めておらず、これは『エア・ギア』ですかみたいなむちむちぱつぱつの萌えキャラが学園を跋扈するかたわらでは画太郎先生の世界から魔界転生した喪キャラがうろちょろするという……いやもっと細かいところにいろいろツッコミどころはあるのだが、あまり書くとネタバレになるので、各キャラのありえない萌え進化っぷりについては実際に読んでいただくことにしていただきたい。

もっとも、はたしてこれが進化なのかどうかは解釈しだいであるが。

ちなみにストーリーは、毎回、シボが霧亥にパンツ見られたり裸にされたり乳首を描かれたりして、霧亥をボコって終わるという、是非とも月刊連載していただきたかったベタなものであった。ちなみに掲載時、第三話には「セカイ系SF」というキャッチが入っていたのだが、どのあたりがセカイ系なのかも永遠の謎なのである。

21世紀に入るとほぼ同時に、日本における創作世界に突如謎の「萌えブーム」が到来した。フランスの大預言者・ノストラダムスが預言していた恐怖の大王の正体が実はアンゴル・モアちゃんだったでありますとケロロ軍曹が喝破したことが、このブームの発端だったかもしれない。

近現代的ポスト・モダン的ニヒリズムのどん詰まりの20世紀末には、僕用語でいうところの「喪」な作品群が奇跡の如く乱舞した。19世紀以来進化の象徴として憧れられつづけてきたテクノロジーが一転して人類に対する「兇器」と化すという、黙示録的な世界観が、石油ショック以後の日本を覆い尽くした。いや、そもそも資本主義大国のアメリカからして、テクノロジーの暴走が暗鬱な灰色の未来に帰着するであろうという暗い予感に取り憑かれようとしていた。

そのような「反未来」主義という暗鬱な思想の元に、アメリカでは映画『ブレードランナー』の突発的ともいえる登場や、様々なサイバーパンクSFの流行があり、日本では戦後マンガの集大成的作品『AKIRA』や同じく戦後日本アニメの終着駅ともいえる「新世紀エヴァンゲリオン」が制作されたのである。

いわゆる「大きな物語」の終焉は、リアル世界においてはベルリンの壁の消滅とソビエト連邦の崩壊という形で訪れたが、創作の世界でも実は同じ現象が80年代から90年代にかけて急激な速度で進行していたのだ。

20世紀後半における「大きな物語」とはひっきょう、「資本主義とテクノロジーが人類に幸福な未来を与える」という信仰だったのであるが『ブレードランナー』以後のSFはこの信仰のネガであり、反転であり、アンチ・テクノロジーであり、資本主義思想という近代ニヒリズムの思想的な終着駅であった。

ところが、21世紀に入っても、実は人類は滅びなかった。

そして、セカイ系という「小さな物語」、僕用語で「半径3メートルの物語」がはじまったのだ。その思想を一言で言えば、「エヴァンゲリオンなんか要らん。人類なんか知らん。そんなことより、ぼくは女にモテたかった！」ということである。

セカイ系においてはまだ、SF要素や文芸的シニシズムという「言い訳」が残されていたが、次第にそれらの外的要素は不純物として排除されるようになり、「萌え」という盲目的な希望、キャラクターへの情熱的信仰だけが純化されて抽出されることとなった。

これは、物語の清算と消費というサイクルにおいて、作者・編集者・読者たちがいっせいにそれぞれの自意識を放棄しはじめたにも等しいムーブメントであった。

たちまち、空前の萌えブームが、到来した。

このような雪崩現象の中で、80年代～90年代に「萌え」作品を上梓して活躍した名立たる「萌え」作家が21世紀に入ると同時に次々と「萌え」作品に挑戦するという、ほとんどレミングの集団自殺現象とも思える事態が勃発した。

デビュー作『ブラックロッド』以来、全面的に「萌え」な世界観を突き詰めて描きつづけたハードSFライトノベル作家にして、電撃文庫の興隆に多大な功績を果たした古橋秀之は、2000年に入るとほのぼの家族ラブコメ「タンモリ家の食卓」を発表。メインヒロインが金属製で結局宇宙戦争がはじまってしまうあたりがやはり「萌え」作品としては微妙だったが、その後も古橋は「萌え」小説を執筆するかたわらで「萌え」路線を突き進み、2006年にはついに「108人の水滸伝武将が全員、妹！」みたいな『超妹大戦シスマゲドン』まで行き着いてしまう。

80年代を代表するメタマンガ「サルでも描けるまんが教室」のコンビ・竹熊健太郎と相原コージは、21世紀になって萌えキャラ絵柄をトレースし、萌え現象のサルまん的分析を行った『萌えサルまん』に挑戦。この試みはついに「既作品界」の生き神的存在である竹熊健太郎が（涼宮ハルヒ的な）萌えキャラコンテンツのメディアミックス展開を本気で実行しようとした『サルまん2.0』に到達してしまい、最終的には壮絶に自爆した。

さらには、SFの大御所・筒井康隆が「アウスト」誌上で「涼宮ハルヒ」のイラストレーターいとうのいちを挿絵に起用した「ライトノベル」につうかり挑戦してしまったことも、記憶に新しい。

『SFマガジン』がセカイ系を特集してしまって以来、長らく売り上げ不振が続く文芸誌業界も遅ればせながら「萌え」へと突き進むことに。究極のハード文芸雑誌……のように見える『國文學』も、とうとう「萌え」特集を組むに至った。しかもその執筆メンツは――「ユリイカ」かよ！

すなわちこの異常な「萌え」ブームとは、「大きな物語」の喪失という未知の21世紀型ニヒリズムに対する、我々日本人のほとんど本能的ともいってよい防衛心理の発現なのであろう。故に、あらゆる「物語」の市場は、萌え一色に塗りつぶされねばならないのだ。なぜなら、彼らが本来語るべきであったすべての「物語」は、すでに失われてしまったのだから。

……以上、実にもっともらしい解説を書いたのでとりあえず仕事は果たした気がするのだが、そのようないかにも講談社現代新書臭いこざかしいポストモダン的言説はこの謎マンガ『プラム学園！』の成立秘話とはまるで関係がなく、現実は「シボを脱がせい！」「シボの乳首を描きこめい！」と武瓶氏に向かってひたすら唱えつづけた担当の一上氏の頭がおかしかったということなんでしょう。

月刊アフタヌーンといえば『あっこ女神さまっ』という印象があるが、実はベルダンディーさまが偉大すぎるのか、この雑誌は「萌え作品」の牙城、「萌えの九龍城」と化している。かくなる上はいつそのこと『BLAME！』のみならず、アフタヌーンのマンガ全部を萌え化したアンソロジー増刊を読んでみたいところです。みさくらなんこつタンチで眼球が顔の半分を占めているラブやんと、エロゲーの主人公風に美少年化されたカズフサが学園を舞台にいちゃいちゃする「萌えラブやん」とか。モテモテ生徒会長を巡って女の子たちがハーレムを作って大騒ぎする『ザリガニ生徒会長』とか。もちろん作者がそもそもKEYファンであるからには『無限の住人学園』が盛り上がることは火を見るより明らかだし、百吉令さんも地球をさらに周ってベタ萌えキャラ化だ（CVは釘宮理恵だ）。『謎の彼女X』は個人的には最高の萌えマンガだが、萌えアフタヌーン増刊ではネコ耳＆ネコシッポをはやした、巨大眼球うるうるの美琴が「バンじゃないから、恥ずかしくないもん！」と照れながら謎のUFOとバサ斬り片手に空中戦だ！

そしてもちろん、増刊の表紙を飾るマンガは『ほんとうは萌えるカラスヤサトシさん』である。

追伸　ブームというものは10年周期。「萌え」作品の再ブームが到来した時こそ、「BLAME！」の続編が本格的に再開される時になるのかもしれません。

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